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SPECTATORS RAID SOCCER FIELD.

DISGRACEFUL RIOT IN SHANGHAI.

ANNOYED AT DEFEAT OF LOH HWA BY WILTSHIRES.

PLAYERS INJURED.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
Pioneer Field, the biggest soccer stadium in Shanghai, was the scene yesterday of the most disgraceful demonstration by partisan Chinese spectators ever seen in Shanghai. Several lively episodes have been witnessed in the past after matches between foreign teams and the Chinese, when the latter have not had matters all their own way, but yesterday's affair was so serious that the question of prohibiting such matches is likely to be raised.

The demonstration occurred at the conclusion of a match between the Loh Hwa team and the 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment. The Wiltshires, new to Shanghai football, were playing their third match in the Settlement, and, giving a brilliant exhibition, had completely outmatched the Chinese eleven.

Surged Over Pitch.

Unruly spectators, annoyed at seeing their favourites defeated, surged over the pitch on the sound of the final whistle and attacked both the players and the referee, Mr. E. Barracough.

The soldiers rushed to the rescue of the referee, and aided by some of their supporters, prevented the infuriated mob from doing him serious injury.

The crowd was completely out of hand, attacking the military team and hurling all sorts of missiles, including lumps of mud, sticks, stones, orange peel at them and the referee, while some of them obtained bamboo from somewhere and attempted to injure the players from close quarters.

Angry Mob.

The scene was one of indescribable confusion. The entire mob was yelling imprecations such as "Pigs" and "Dons" etc. at the foreigners, but the players managed to get with the referee to the dressing room without very great damage.

A number of foreign ladies, who were sitting in the stand were hysterical, and for some time they were in extreme danger as the angry mob, not satisfied with the attack on the players, hurled an avalanche of stones into the stand.

Foreigners were forced to protect themselves and bouts of fist-fights took place on the field in front of the stand before the police arrived and restored order.

The matter was rendered more serious by the fact that a body of street ruffians reinforced the mob and joined in the attack.

Referee Defended.

It is certain that but for the fact that the players formed a body-guard for Mr. Barracough, the affair would have assumed much greater dimensions.

Very few of the players escaped without head injuries of some kind or other, while the majority were suffering from knocks and kicks.

Lieutenant Snook, the Wiltshires' goal-scoring forward, was nastily bruised about the face.

The Police Commissioner cancelled a match which was to have been played subsequent to the senior game, in order to guard against further incidents.

High Indignation.

Acute indignation is felt in foreign and military circles over the affair, which strikes at the very root of sportsmanship.

Mr. Barracough is one of the best-known and well-liked referees in Shanghai, being Secretary of the Referees Committee. The Loh Hwa team have had a remarkable run of success including a victory over the Shanghai Football Club last week in the semi-final of the Senior Cup Competition, but the Wiltshires, in their few matches in Shanghai, have shown themselves to be the best of the Shanghai teams and their win over Loh Hwa was not entirely a surprise.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH NAVAL AID TO CHINA.

MOST PLEASED WHEN ARMS EMBARGO ENDS.

IN CONSIDERATION.

London, Mar. 18.
China's request for the loan of British naval officers to aid in the reorganisation of the Chinese Navy led to a suggestion by Sir Walter De Frece in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Walter invited Sir Austen Chamberlain to suggest to the other Powers concerned the desirability of raising the embargo on the importation of arms and ammunition to China on the ground that the Embargo is derogatory to the National Government of China as now constituted, and that it restricted employment in England.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the question of terminating the China Arms Embargo Agreement of 1919 was now being considered.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to another question by Sir Walter De Frece, said that no formal request on behalf of the Chinese Government for the loan of British naval officers had been submitted, but informal enquiries had been received by the Government.

He said that as long as the China Arms Embargo Agreement is enforced, the Government cannot render China such assistance, but they would be most pleased to give it as soon as the restriction is removed.—*Reuter.*

SEVERE WINTER & UNEMPLOYMENT.

COLD POSTPONES EXPECTED RECOVERY.

HOPEFUL INDICATION.

London, Mar. 18.

That the British coal industry has touched its lowest ebb and is now slowly improving was the opinion expressed by Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, the Minister for Labour, in the House of Commons to-day, when he moved the second reading of a Bill, which provides for the continuance, for another year of the order suspending the Unemployment Insurance provision affecting payments.

The provision is that which requires the payment of thirty contributions in the space of two years in order to qualify beneficiaries under the scheme for Unemployment Insurance relief.

Dealing with other industries, and with unemployment in general, the Labour Minister said that recent reports regarding the iron and steel, the shipbuilding and the cotton industries all showed favourable signs for the future.

The severity of the winter, he added, had been almost entirely responsible for the postponement of the recovery of unemployment, but with the departure of the frost, last week's unemployment figures showed a very satisfactory improvement of between 115,000 and 120,000.—*Reuter.*

ALLIED TROOPS IN THE RHINELAND.

DISCUSSION AT PRESENT INOPPORTUNE.

London, Mar. 18.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated, in reply to a question, that, pending the completion of the work of the Experts Committee who are now studying the problem of German Reparations, it was not thought that any useful purpose would be served by a further discussion regarding the withdrawal of Allied troops from the Rhineland.—*British Wireless.*

MEXICAN REVOLT COLLAPSING.

REBELS EVACUATE THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

Mexico City, Mar. 18.

The Government announces that the rebels have evacuated their headquarters at Torreón.—*Reuter.*

DRAMATIC SCENES IN NANKING.

NATIONAL CONGRESS SURPRISE.

OVERWHELMING CONDEMNATION OF WUHAN MOVES.

LI CHAI-SUM'S VOTE.

Nanking, Mar. 18.
The Third National Congress of the Kuomintang Party went into session for the first time at ten o'clock this morning, reports of the activities of the executive organs of the Party being submitted by high officials.

The proceedings which were preliminary to the main work of the Congress, and were intended to be more or less formal, were enlivened by a dramatic incident in the course of the afternoon when a quarrel almost developed over the Hunan situation. The Congress adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until to-morrow.

Marshal Chiang's Report.

There were 228 delegates from all over the country present, and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the State Council, and chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang Party, presided.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek submitted a report of the activities of the Central Executive Committee since the last Congress of the whole party, in the course of a speech lasting more than an hour. Marshal Chiang addressed the delegates from the rostrum, where he was accompanied by Messrs. Wu Han-min, Su Ho, Tan Yen-fan, Chan Kui-yau and Koo Ying-fan.

Military Affairs.

In the afternoon, General Ho Ying-ching, Marshal Chiang's Chief of Staff, reported on military affairs since the last meeting of the Congress, speaking at considerable length on the work accomplished by the Disbandment Conference.

After an address lasting for more than two hours, General Ho Ying-ching completed his review of the military situation. He had spoken of the success of the Northern Expedition, and at the end, he invited the delegates to stand for three minutes in silence in memory of those who had fallen in the revolution.

Wuhan Attacked.

There was a dramatic pause, after which Mr. Liu Wen-tao, who had the backing of about 40 others, rose and after a heated speech condemning the war-like activities along the Yangtze, proposed a motion demanding that the Wuhan generals, Gen. Yeh Chi and Gen. Hu Tsung-tu, whose troops are reported to be attacking General Lu Ti-ping's army on the Hunan-Kiangsi border, be instructed to cease their military operations forthwith and to return to their quarters.

Li Chai-sum Supports.

The motion was then put to the vote, those favouring being asked to stand up. Of the 228 delegates, no fewer than 220 supported Mr. Liu Wen-tao's motion, and it was noticed that Marshal Li Chai-sum, after a perceptible interval, supported the motion.—*Reuter.*

Confirmation of the dramatic scene is contained in another report of the meeting from Chinese sources, which adds that the Government leaders were pleased at the reception given to the unexpected resolution.

Mr. Tai Chi-tao, who had been appointed Chief Secretary of the Congress, announced his inability to take up the position, and Mr. Yen Chue-chang, a member of the Central Political Council, was appointed in his stead.

No Meetings.

It was reported to the meeting that 255 names of delegates have been reported to the Congress, which with one or two exceptions have been approved.

The session adjourned until to-morrow after the passing of a resolution prohibiting public meetings of the Kuomintang Departments during the period of the Congress.

Another Absentee.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
Tsai Yuan-pai, the President of the Central Yuan, is suffering

FOR DISTRESSED MINERS.

FURTHER DONATIONS TO THE LOCAL FUND.

MORE STILL NEEDED.

Further donations are to hand to-day on behalf of the Telegraph Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families.

Two of the donations are of particular interest. One, for a sum of \$12.50, is the balance of the collection made at the European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon, which bring the total from that source to the gratifying sum of \$212.50. Another, for \$11, represents half of a local resident's winnings at a game of poker.

The hope is expressed by another resident that the splendid example of Sir Henry and Lady

WORKING OF NEW SALT SCHEME.

Quota System Satisfactory For Most Part.

WUHAN NON-SUPPORT.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

The Chief Inspectorate of the Salt Revenue has issued a statement to the effect that sufficient funds have now been provided in the Salt Revenue account in the Group Banks to meet the interest payments due on the Crisp and Anglo-French Loans to March 1929, amounting to \$1,865,737.

Full quotas under the scheme recently propounded have been regularly forthcoming from Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhui, Kwangtung, Fukien, Shansi, and the northern part of Chihli.

No quotas have yet been received from Hupeh, Hunan or Fengtien, but the Fengtien authorities have now undertaken to pay their quota regularly.—*Reuter.*

Pollock will be followed by others who can afford to contribute generously to the Fund. The suggestion is also made that the Chinese Press might help in soliciting funds, as the Chinese are well known for their generosity for charitable causes.

Sir Henry Pollock yesterday expressed the hope that a special effort be made to bring the Fund to a total of \$10,000. May we again appeal for support in order to make this possible?

Amounts so far received by the Telegraph are as follows:

Already acknowledged	\$6,010.00
European Y.M.C.A. (by cheque)	12.50
50 Per Cent. of Poker Winnings	11.00
K.L.	5.00
Total	10/- and \$6,038.50

AIRMEN'S DASH TO MARSEILLES.

FIRST HOP ON FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

Marseilles, Mar. 18.

The Australian airmen, Flight-Lieutenant Moir and Flying Officer Owen, who left Folkestone this morning in an attempt to beat Hinkler's record flight to Australia, arrived at Marseilles this evening after a non-stop flight of ten and a quarter hours.

They are flying in an all-metal Vickers Armstrong-Siddeley plane and hope to reach Australia in 12 days.—*Reuter.*

from a cold in Shanghai and is unable to return to Nanking to attend the Congress.

General Pei Chung-hai is expected to arrive in Shanghai by a Japanese steamer to-morrow. A Ta Chung News Agency message from Peking states that he has resigned his post as Director of the Disbandment Office for the 4th Army.—*Reuter.*

BOXER INDEMNITY REMISSION.

BRITISH AMENDING ACT DELAYED.

MOVE TO ENABLE EARLIER RELEASE OF FUND.

GRANT TO HONGKONG?

London, Mar. 18.
That action may be taken in the near future to expedite the release of some portion of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund was foreshadowed in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. H. W. Looker asked the Foreign Secretary whether there was any likelihood of the Government carrying out the proposals of the Statutory Committee, the chairman of which was Earl Buxton.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied to the question, stating that it was impossible to find time during the present Session of Parliament to pass the amending Act as originally contemplated.

Early Release?

Sir Austen Chamberlain had, therefore, been in communication with Sir Miles Lampson, His Majesty's Minister in Peking, in an endeavour to find a means to expedite action so as to enable the release of some portion of the British Indemnity Fund for purposes of mutual benefit to Great Britain and to China such as were recommended by the Buxton Advisory Committee.

White Paper.

Mr. Looker suggested that before any definite decision was reached in relation to the steps to be taken in regard to the Fund, the Government should issue a White Paper so that the House of Commons would have an opportunity of considering the proposals.

Mr. Locker-Lampson said he would consider the suggestion.

Mr. Crookshank suggested that the White Paper should state the total expenditure in which Britain has been involved in China since the passage of the 1925 Act which authorised the application of the Boxer funds for the general purposes indicated in 1922.

Mr. Locker-Lampson did not reply.—*Reuter.*

Amending Act.

The amending act mentioned by Mr. Locker-Lampson will authorise the transfer of the custody and administration of the Fund from the Foreign Office to a Board of Trustees to be established in China.

It was recommended that the total fund amounting to \$11,000,000 should be divided into two parts, namely, an annual grant for immediate expenditure and capital for the formation of an investment fund, and that \$250,000 be set aside in the early years for expenditure on direct grants and subsidies in aid of the various objects approved.

Hongkong To Share?

Sir Austen's effort to obtain a release of some portion of the Fund refers, no doubt, to the annual expenditure recommended, which was to be expended in the following proportions: Agricultural education and improvement, 30 per cent; Scientific Research, 23 per cent; Medicine and Public Health, 17 per cent; other educational purposes, 30 per cent.

In the last-named category is a recommendation that assistance be given to the education of women and girls, scholarships at British Universities, including the Hongkong University, and the endowment of Chinese studies at the School of Oriental Languages in London and at British Universities, including the Hongkong University.

During last week there were two non-fatal cases of typhoid notified, as well as one fatal case each of cerebro-spinal fever and purpural fever and two deaths from influenza. The small-pox returns are given elsewhere.

FRENCH MILITARY SENSATION.

HIGH RHINELAND OFFICERS RECALLED.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Paris, Mar. 18.

Quiet a sensation has been created by the news of a preliminary summons to leading military officers of the French Army on the Rhine to return to Paris for purpose of examination.

The summons was issued from the War Office by M. Painleve, and arose out of the debate in the Chamber on Saturday regarding the heavy influenza mortality among the troops.

The officers summoned to-day were:

General Gobeau, from Mayence; General Partoureaux, from Treves; and

Colonel Marminia, from Durren.

It is understood that M. Painleve, the Minister of War, questioned them regarding orders to hold a parade of troops, the sanctioning of an officers' dance, and the organisation of a route march during the bitter cold on the Rhineland.

The Cabinet afterwards met to consider the decisions of M. Painleve.—*Reuter.*

NANKING INACTION CRITICISED.

SHANTUNG REVOLT WORSE THAN WAR.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

The Shanghai Times, in the course of a leading article criticising the inaction of the National Government concerning the situation in Shantung, remarks that the Government is apparently more engrossed with the choice of seats for the National Congress than with the safety of the lives of the people of Shantung.

Unquestionably, the National Government could effectively suppress General Chang Chung-chang very shortly," says the journal. "If unanimity and a determination to liquidate the situation existed in Nanking."

The article continues: "Unfortunately all sorts of rumours are being spread of jealousies regarding troop movements in Shantung. We abhor war, but there are worse things, and Eastern Shantung is experiencing some of them."

"If troops cannot be moved from Nanking to aid General Liu Chien-nien, they could certainly be transported from Honan or Peking. One is forced to conclude that there is some other hindrance to the suppression of the revolt."—*Reuter.*

GULL LIGHTSHIP SUNK.

FEARED LOSS OF THE CAPTAIN.

London, Mar. 18.

The Gull Lightship was sunk at her mooring off Goodwin Sands, near Deal, to-day in a collision with the liner City of York, during one of the worst fogs in the Channel this year.

The City of York, which docks in London to-night, has five men on board who were rescued from the lightship.

It is believed that Captain Williams, of the lightship, and another member of the crew are missing.—*British Wireless.*

THE KING'S HEALTH.

HAS ANOTHER WALK IN GROUNDS.

London, Mar. 18.

H.M. the King passed another good day.

His Majesty remained in the grounds of Craigwell House this morning for an hour and a half, and took another short walk along the gravel path.—*British Wireless.*

SCOTLAND YARD'S METHODS.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

REASSURES PUBLIC OF THE INTEGRITY OF POLICE.

RELIABLE FORECAST.

London, Mar. 18.

The Royal Commission set up by the Home Secretary to enquire into police methods and the practices followed by the police in interrogating or taking statements from persons interviewed during investigations of crime, has submitted its Report to Sir William Joynson-Hicks.

The Report is unanimously approved by the Commission and it is understood that it tends to reassure the public with regard to the integrity of the police generally, and that a proper balance is kept between the rights of the individual and the demands of justice.

Not Published Yet.

The details of the Report have not been issued for publication, but a reliable forecast of the recommendations indicates that little, if any, fresh legislation will be involved, though a number of alterations to the Police Standing Orders may be necessary.

The allegations of "third degree" methods at Scotland Yard are found to be exaggerated. New regulations for the examination of witnesses are suggested, while the value of women police is a matter upon which much emphasis is placed.

Night Clubs.

An important recommendation is that Senior Officers should be entitled to enter night clubs for inspection in similar manner to the regulations regarding public houses.

It is understood that the Commissioners are generally satisfied with the manner in which crime investigation is undertaken by the police, and by the adoption of the recommendations put forward, the opinion is expressed that incidents like the Savidge Case will be guarded against in the future with reasonable certainty.

The Commission.

The Royal Commission was the first appointed to enquire into police methods for over 20 years, and was composed as follows:

Vincent Lee of Fareham, who was chairman of the Committee on Police Pay and Pensions, in 1925, Minister of Agriculture in 1921, and First Lord of the Admiralty, 1921-22. He is to be chairman of the Royal Commission, and it is interesting to note that at one time he was Adjutant of the Hongkong Volunteers, from 1889 to 1890.

Sir Reginald Lane-Poole, the well-known historian, and Lecturer in Diplomacy at Oxford University, since 1896, who was knighted on the King's Birthday this year.

Sir Howard Frank, the head of the famous auctioneering firm of Knight, Frank and Rutley, previously Director-General of Lands for the War Office.

Dame Marjorie Talbot, the Intelligence Officer of the Overseas Settlement Department.

Lord Ebbisham, formerly Sir Rowland Bladen, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1925-27.

Mr. J. T. Brownlie, the President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Mr. Frank Pies, the Administrative Chief of the London Underground Railway groups, and

Miss Margaret Bevan, who is the present Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

LOCUST PLAGUE IN KENYA.

SPECIAL INQUIRY TO BE MADE.

London, Mar. 18.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore, Under Secretary for the Colonies, said the Department of Civil Research was about to conduct a special inquiry into the matter of the plague of locusts now visiting certain parts of Kenya Colony.—*British Wireless.*

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THE HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.

STORY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE OUTBREAK.

INQUIRY CONTINUED.

The inquiry into the King Edward Hotel fire was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with Mr. E. W. Hamilton sitting as Coroner.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida Castro, Jnr., watched the proceedings on behalf of the proprietors of the King Edward Hotel. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, appeared for Mr. J. W. W. Leung, the manager of the King Edward, and Mr. H. C. Lee, of the China Land Investment Company, owners of the building.

Mr. A. E. Wright, Assistant Director of Public Works, produced the plans which were submitted originally for the construction of the building. These, said Mr. Wright, were made in 1902.

While the building was in the course of erection, apparently further plans were submitted floor by floor. One curious thing which the witness pointed out, was that the dates on the plans varied. The basement plan was dated March, 1902, the ground, first, second and third floor plans were dated on various dates in 1903, whilst the fourth floor plan was dated April, 1904. There was no separate plan for the fifth floor, and witness could not say whether it had been forgotten or whether the building was finished before the plan was completed.

The original plan was made by Messrs. Leigh and Orange and was passed by the Director of Public Works, but the plans of the different floors were simply submitted for the information of the D. P. W., but apparently were not definitely approved. The law, it was pointed out, was satisfied by the passing of the original plan. It did not follow that because there was no plan for the fifth floor, that the building was illegal. Based on the original plan of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, witness had prepared a plan which showed the building as it existed immediately before the fire. Portions since burnt away, together with portions which must be removed owing to the damage, were indicated. This plan was put in amongst the exhibits.

Mr. Wright, proceeding, said that as regards the Savoy Hotel he understood the owners were causing plans to be prepared, but as to the King Edward, the Hotel proprietors had, so far, done nothing. The Public Works Department had been removing the debris from the interior and had done a certain amount of shoring work, and witness was satisfied that there was no danger now to the public.

Wooden Floors.

In answer to a question put by the Coroner, witness said that unless the walls of the Savoy Hotel were largely rebuilt the building did not become new. He could not prevent the wooden floors being left or re-instated, but he could prevent the proprietor from putting in lathe and plaster partitions.

The Coroner: What steps would you take if concrete floors are not put in?

Witness: If the police would assist me, I can ask them to refuse a licence for a hotel if concrete floors were not put in. That would apply to the building of the King Edward. By the amendment of the Building Ordinance of 1927, every building destined for a hotel or public building, is an exceptional building and I can insist on any material considered desirable.

At this point, the Coroner pointed out that the building was still in the charge of the police and as soon as the inquiry was over he would release the premises. In answer to Mr. Lee, the Coroner said he did not mind if the owners entered the premises for the purpose of carrying out any preliminary work. An insurance agent, who was in court, was also

told he could enter the building at his own risk.

Mr. T. H. King, at this stage, announced that the search of the premises and the clearing of the debris on the site, had been completed. The whole thing had been turned over and there was no trace of any human remains or evidence of anyone else having met their death through the fire other than those mentioned.

Owner's Evidence.

The next witness called was Cheung Fu-kwong, one of the owners of the business of the King Edward Hotel. Witness said that the China Land Investment Company owned the building.

Witness said that he had a room in the King Edward Hotel at the time of the fire. He had just taken the room when the fire broke out.

He proceeded to explain that he had a room on the third floor (No. 310) assigned to the hotel for the use of his friends and visitors, and he himself sometimes slept in that room. Just before 3 o'clock on the morning of March 11, he knocked on the front door of the hotel and Wong Yu let him in. Witness noticed that Wong Yu bolted the door on the inside after him. The two then proceeded to the lift.

In answer to the Coroner, Cheung Fu-kwong said he did not notice any fire in the lobby to the right of the lift. He went up the lift with Wong Yu to the third floor, and neither he nor Wong Yu were smoking, either in the lift or in the lobby below.

On the third floor, Wong Yu woke up To Chat (a room boy), who used a small room to the left of the lift. To Chat unlocked the door of room No. 308 and witness used that room on learning that the people who were in room 310 had gone to sleep.

The Alarm Raised.

After entering room 308, witness had barely hung up his hat and washed his face when he heard To Chat call to Wong Yu shouting, "It is too smoky." Witness rushed out of his room and noticed large columns of smoke coming up from the staircase, but saw no flames. He heard cries from the second floor and he then blew his Police whistle. It was at this moment that he saw many people running past the flight of stone steps at the back of the premises. Witness, still blowing his police whistle, ran for the main stairway, but when he got there he found it impossible to get down owing to the smoke.

He then made his way to the stone steps, by going through the lavatory of that building. He wanted to run down, but he saw a number of people running up and joined them, eventually getting to the roof, where he crossed by means of a bridge to the top of Alexandra Building, from whence he reached the street by climbing down the fire escape of that building.

Questioned by the Coroner, witness said that from the time he entered the building to the time he saw the smoke, only ten minutes could have elapsed. Asked why he ran up the stone steps instead of running down, witness said that it was because everybody was running up.

Asked if it was a fact that the door at the bottom of the fire escape was locked, witness at first agreed and explained that the door of the store room, where a stock of wine was kept, was usually locked at 11 o'clock at night. Witness later stated that he did not know whether at the time of the fire the door at the foot of the escape was actually locked.

An Opportune Return.

Mr. Ling Wong, a graduate of the Chicago University, who occupied Room No. 204, on the second floor of the Hotel, stated in reply to the Coroner, that he discovered the outbreak on his return to the hotel on the morning of the fire. Being kept out late, he did not return to the hotel until about 3 o'clock. He found the main door locked; there was no response when he rang the bell. Presently he detected a

glow. It shone through the window, and on peeping in, he found it came from a fire which had broken out in the main floor. People began to collect in the street. Their number gradually increased as he shouted "fire," and they took up the warning with police whistles.

Witness endeavoured to find a policeman. Presently he found two Indian policemen who were blowing their whistles. He told them that it would serve very little purpose their doing that, that it would be better if they went to fetch the Fire Brigade. They did not seem to understand, and kept blowing their whistles.

The crowd by this time was becoming bigger and bigger. A few minutes later the fire engines arrived.

By the Coroner: Six or seven minutes must have elapsed between the time that he noticed the outbreak and the time when the firemen arrived. It was very quiet when he reached the Hotel, no alarm having been raised.

At the conclusion of his statement, witness asked permission to disclose two points which he had had in his mind. Permission being given, he said that his first point was that on the previous night, when he got back to the Hotel at 2 a.m., there was a man to open the door for him when he rang the bell. That same man after admitting him, took him up in the lift to his own floor.

The second point was that he wished to say that only a few minutes after he saw the flames on the ground floor, he saw a similar glow in the top section of the building, that was to say in the third and fourth floors. That was before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Lift Boy's Evidence.

Wong Yu, a lift-boy, said he had been employed at the Hotel for ten years, as were also most of the other servants of the Hotel. He could not recollect having seen anyone enter the Hotel before three o'clock that morning. Mr. Cheung came in after that hour, and he accompanied Mr. Cheung up the lift to the third floor. Before he went up he bolted the door behind them. On reaching the landing of the floor where Mr. Cheung's room, No. 303 was, he roused To Chat, a room-boy, in order to get him to open the door of the room.

As he waited while To Chat went about his business, he noticed smoke ascending the staircase and drew To Chat's attention to it when the latter came out. Seeing that no good purpose could be served by remaining there, witness took the lift down in order to investigate. As he got down to the bottom, he noticed a glow near the staircase, and presently saw flames shooting upwards near where a number of rattan clothes baskets were stacked, behind a spring door. He rushed through the range, opened the main door and sounded a police whistle.

By the Coroner: The rattan baskets which constituted the luggage of guests were left there temporarily, and he could not say more than that they were already there the night before the fire. As he took Mr. Cheung up in the lift, he did not notice anything unusual to have drawn his attention to the baskets.

Two Men Use Lift.

There being a response to his whistle, by other whistles blown by people in the street, he rushed back into the building. The lift bell rang after the alarm was given, and mindful of his duty, he took the lift up to the second floor where two Chinese were waiting. As he came down with them, the heat had begun to make itself felt. His hair was singed and he sustained burns on the arms, but he managed to carry on until they reached the bottom, safely.

By the Coroner: He did not know those two men except that they were Chinese.

Mr. T. H. King, replying to the Coroner, said he thought he could find at least one of the men if his Worship desired his presence.

Witness, in reply to further questions, said neither he nor Mr. Cheung were smoking.

By the jury: Wax and kerosene were used in polishing the staircase.

The Coroner explained that it had been suggested to him that perhaps so treated for a great length of time, say ten years, the woodwork of the staircase and floor might be put into a condition when it was particularly susceptible to fire.

Continuing, the witness said there was a hydrant in the Hotel, placed near the staircase, but he had never been instructed in its use nor had he seen anyone else in the Hotel being so instructed. There were no printed directions as to what to do with it in case of fire, and during the time that he was in employment, no fire drill had been gone through that he knew of.

The Coroner expressed the opinion that there had never been any fire drill performed in any Hotel in the Colony, at least not until after the fire at the Hongkong Hotel.

Witness said it became impossible to operate the lift after the first trip.

At the close of this witness's evidence, the hearing was adjourned until 2.16 p.m. on Wednesday.

Canton Governor.

The Civil Governor of Kwangsi Province, General Wang Shao-hung, who came specially from Canton to enquire after the injury to General Chan Ming-shu in the course of the latter's escape from the King Edward Hotel during the fire, returned to Canton on Sunday evening on the s.s. Taishan. He had intended to stay in the Colony for a few days, but pressure of work in Kwangtung and Kwangsi demanded his early return. It is reported.

According to friends of General Chan Ming-shu, the burns and abrasions on the latter's arms and face have practically all healed, whilst his fractured thigh bones show considerable improvement, progressing as well as can be expected. The Canton Governor is stated to be in very good spirits, and is able to read newspapers at intervals of the day when he is not receiving guests.

It is learned that he intends to stay in the Government Civil Hospital until he has fully recovered, before returning to Canton. It is likely, according to medical advice, that he will have to stay in Hongkong for four to five weeks more.

As a result of his injury in the fire, General Chan is absent from the Kuomintang Congress now in progress in Nanking. He has sent his delegate, Mr. Fan Kei-mo, the Canton Finance Commissioner, and newly-appointed Chinese Superintendent of the Canton Maritime Customs, to represent him at the convocation. Mr. Fan has already left for Shanghai.

Mr. Fan was also at the King Edward Hotel when the disastrous fire broke out, but he escaped unhurt.

Another Enquirer.

General Chan Chai-long, Commander of the First Canton Division, formerly of the Fourth Nationalist Army, arrived here last night from Canton to enquire after General Chan Ming-shu. He is also en route to Nanking to participate at the Kuomintang Congress.

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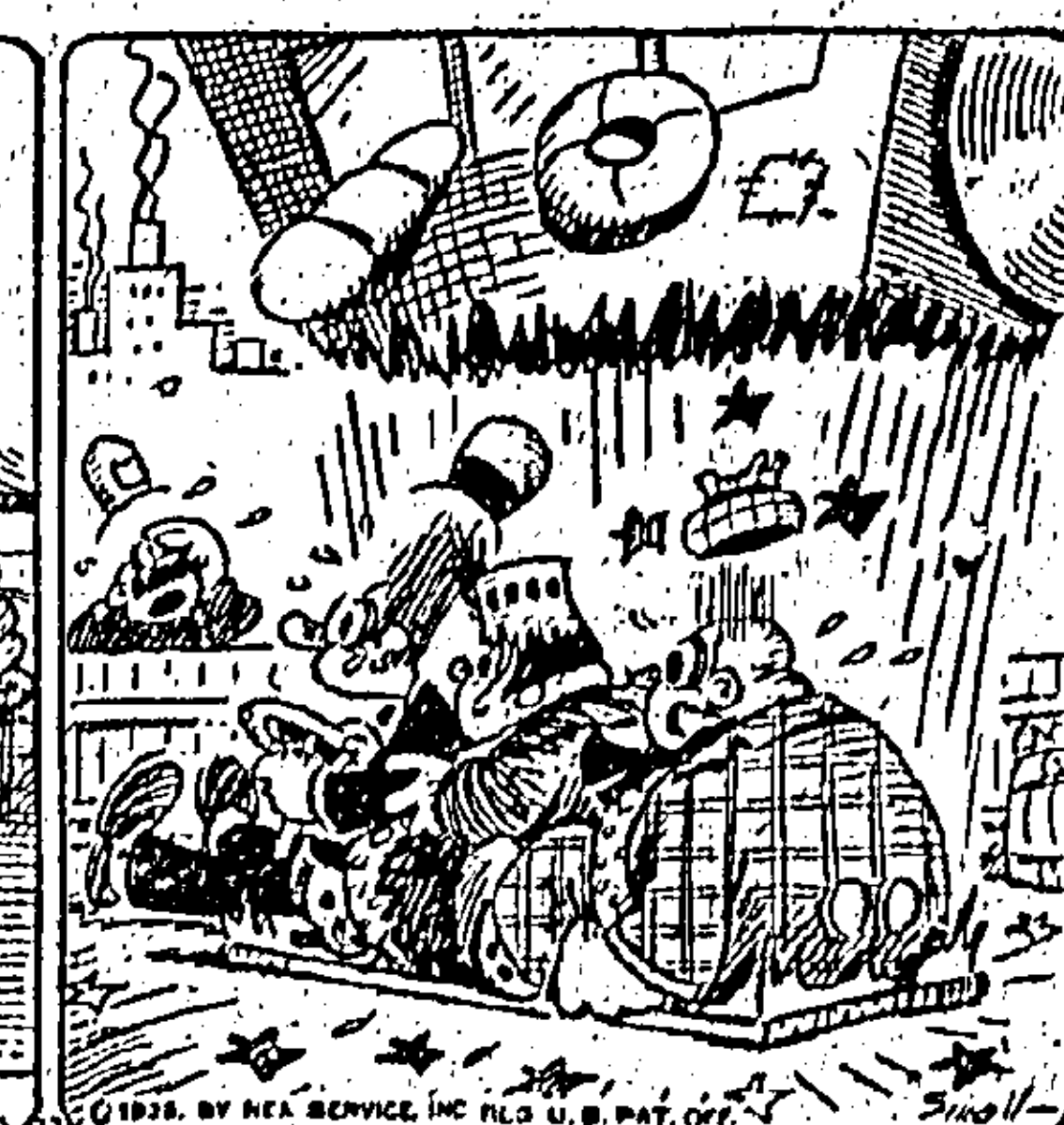
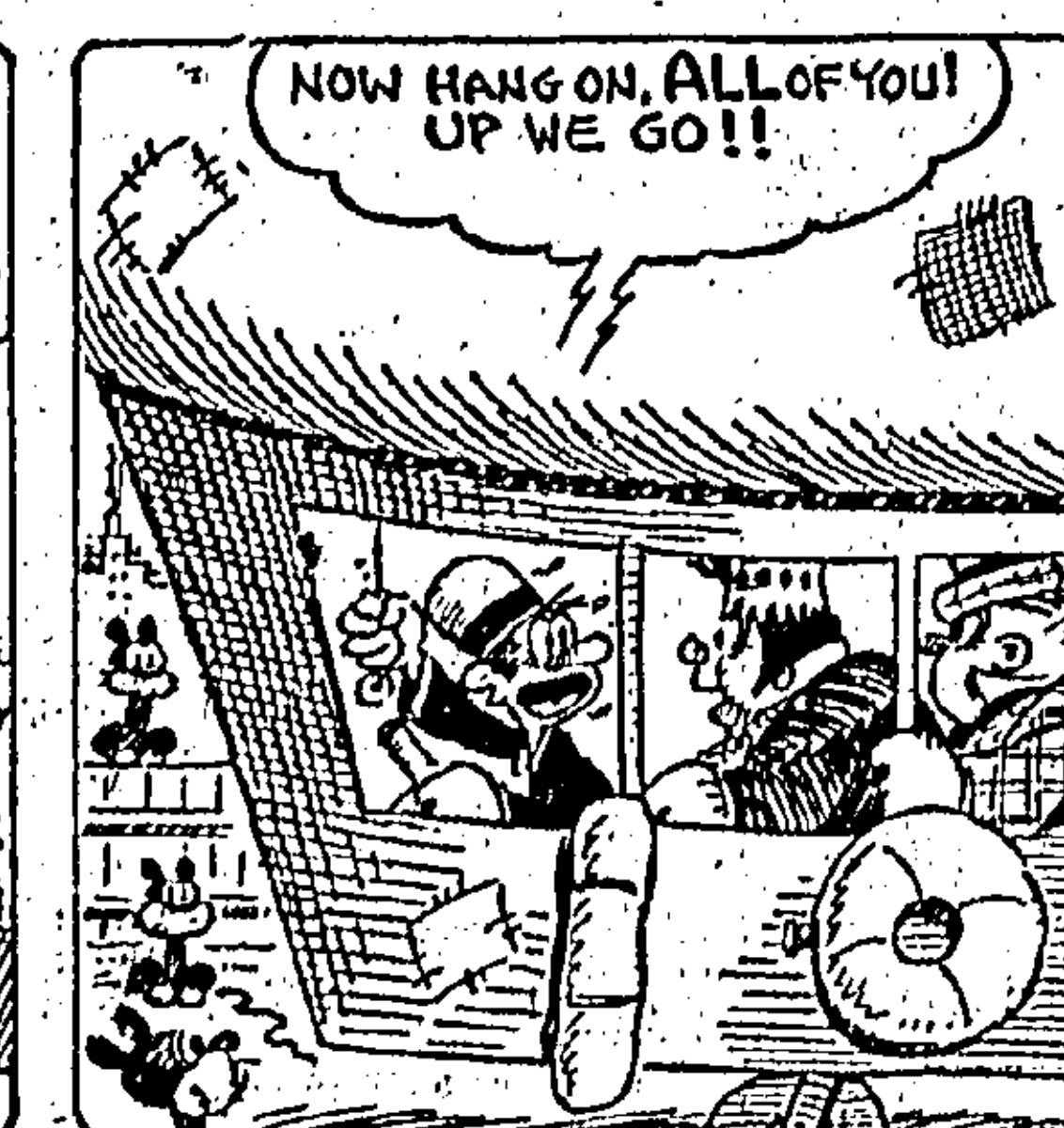
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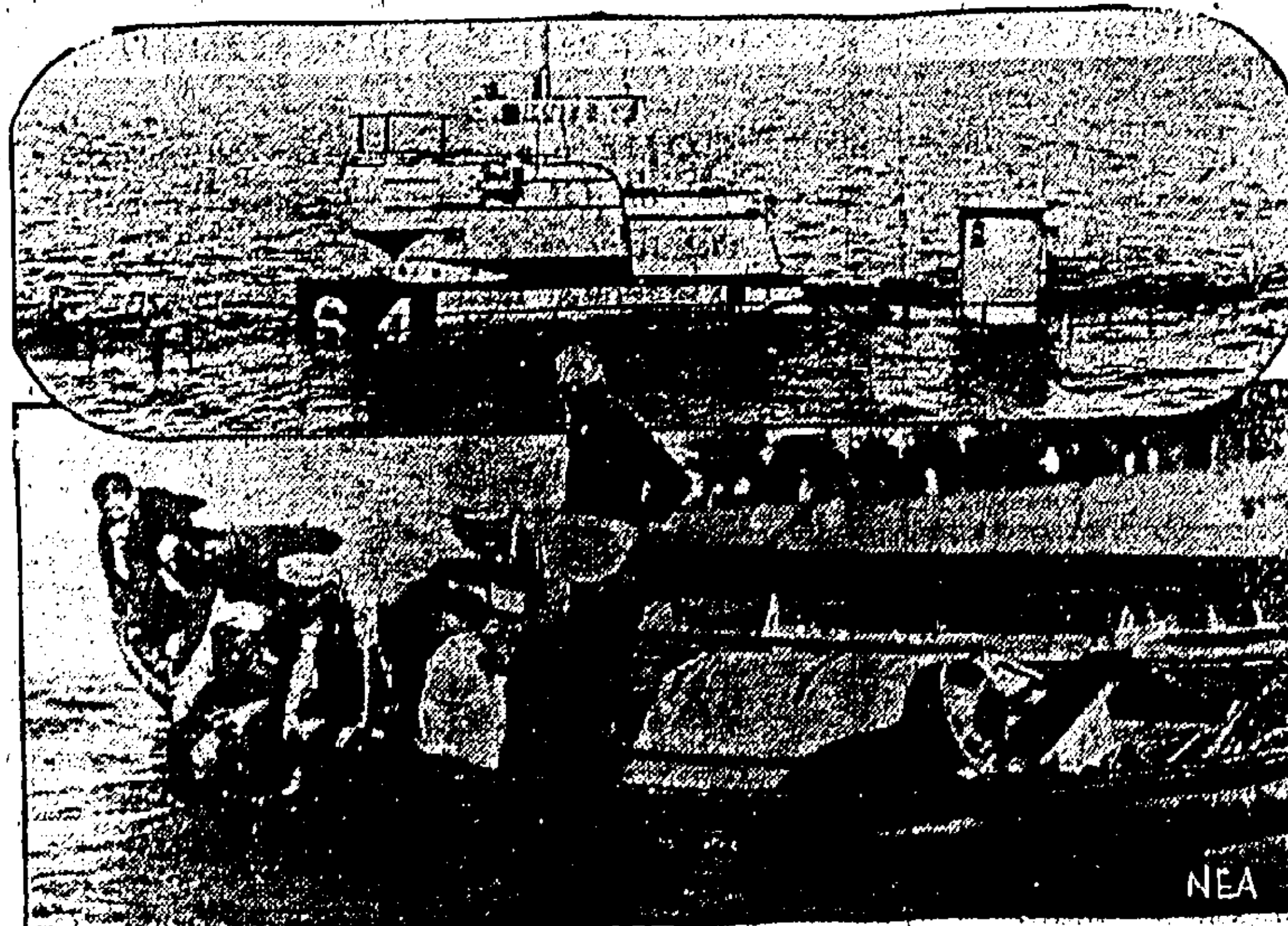
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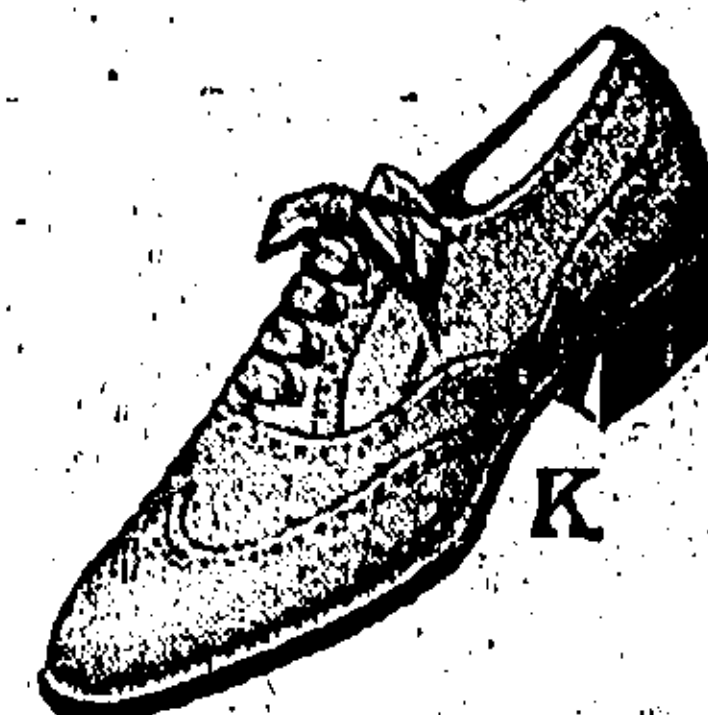
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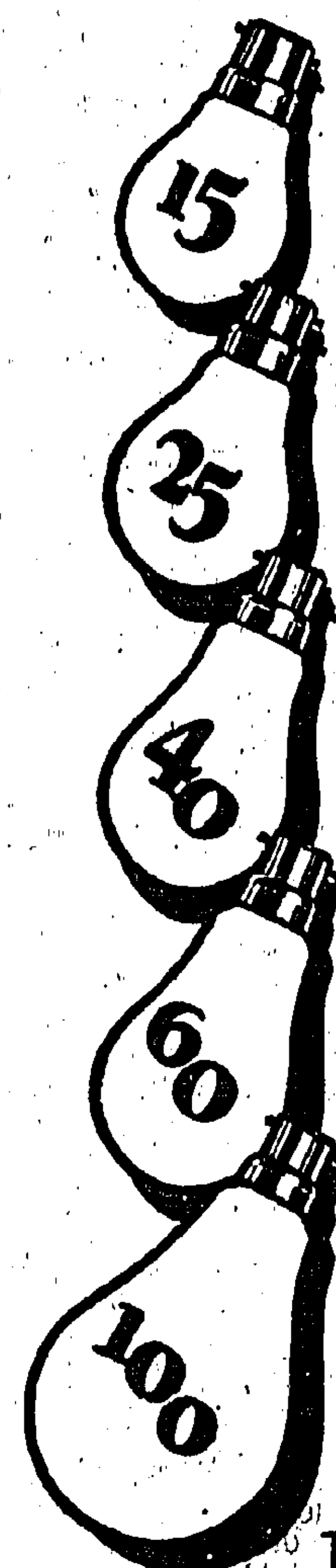
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1929.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929, (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, state:—
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Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., will act as Adjutant, Hongkong Police Reserve, as from that date.

Chinese Company.
Strength.—Constable R69 Kwong Loong has been permitted to resign having completed one full year's service, with effect from March 8th, 1929.

First Aid to the Injured.—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, March 20th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Crown Sergeant R15 Ow Yeung Kin Heng on Wednesday, March 20th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Annual Examination Part II.—The examination in Part 2 of Training Course will continue at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, March 21st, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, under Chief Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Inspection Parade.—The monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment, etc., by the Company Commander will take place on Thursday, March 28th, at 5.30 p.m., and all members of the Chinese Company are requested to keep the date open.

Indian Company.
Parade.—Members of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, March 19th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.
The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, March 19th. Fall in at the "Tsim-sa-tui" Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, March 21st. Fall in at the Central Police

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Hongkong Bank, \$1260 s.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Metcalf & Co., \$34 n.
P. and O. \$24 n.
East Asiatic, \$301 n.
Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$690 b.
Union Ins., \$387 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Fire, \$280 b.
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Douglases, \$361 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27.50 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$2.45 b.
Indo-China, (Def) \$92 n.
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.
Mining.
Benguet, \$2.75 b.
Kallang, 67/6 n.
Langkots, Tls. 14 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 3.00 s.
Rauha, \$7.10 n.
Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1261 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$404 n.
China Providents, \$4.80 s.
Hongkows, Tls 169 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.85 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 1104 b.
Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.40 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 71 (old) b.
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H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 s.
H. K. Lands, \$634 b.
Shai Lands Tls. 1694 b.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.00 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$184 s.
Peak Tram, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$684 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$134 s.
H. K. Electric, \$562 b.
Macao Electric, \$262 n.
Telephones \$7.10 n.
China Bus, Tls. 11.75 n.
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Industrials.
China Sugars, \$1.05 s.
Malabons, \$30 b.
Canton Ice, \$2 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.00 s.
Ropes (Old) \$74 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.
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Dairy Farms, \$204 s.
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Dor A. Wing, \$80 b.
Lano Crawfords, \$24 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$104 b.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$25.00 b.
Constructions, \$1.25 s.
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Revolver practice will be carried out on Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, April 7th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolver. Uniform optional.

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(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

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RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—
(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and
(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

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Wedding cake for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes.

It is hereby notified that on and after 15th March, the rates for radio telegrams from Hongkong to the undermentioned places in Kwangtung Province (except Canton) will be as follows:—

From	Per	Due
Kongmoon	via Canton	\$0.30 per word.
Kochow	via Canton	\$0.30 per word.
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From	Per	Due
Straits	Van Heutsz	March 19.
Straits	Kitano Maru	March 20.
Straits	Santhia	March 20.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	March 20.
Amoy	Talma	March 20.
Straits and London parcels mail, London 14th February	Karmala	March 21.
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London 21st February	Aki Maru	March 21.
Australia and Manila	Hakozaki Maru	March 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Khyber	March 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Johnson	March 23.
Manila	President Jefferson	March 25.
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	Kowloon P. O.	19th 8 p.m.
	Registration	19th 8.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	19th 8.30 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 17th April).	
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Saigon		Wed, Mar. 20.
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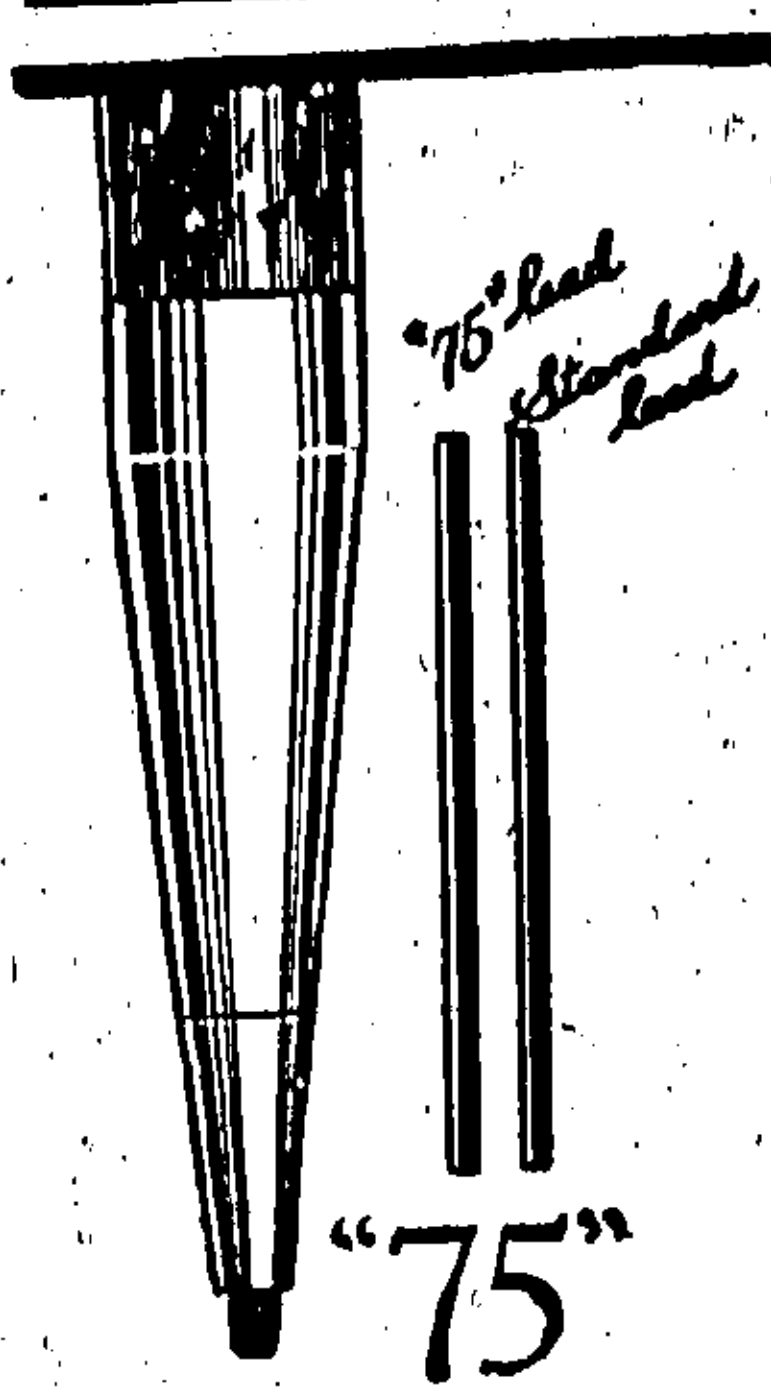
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FORGED SCRIP.

CONCLUSION OF TRAMWAY SHARE CASE.

The trial in respect of the alleged forged scrip for 500 shares in the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., was concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). Two men were in the dock, Chan Fook, alias Chan Sau-nam, and Pun Pui, alias Pun Wai-nam. The first count against them was that between January 1 and 19, this year, they conspired together, with Chan Lo-yat and others unknown, to utter a forged valuable security purporting to be a scrip or share certificate for 500 shares in the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, knowing it to be forged and with intent to defraud.

There was a second count of conspiracy to defraud such persons as might be induced to part with money for the scrip. There were two other alternative counts against Pun Pui, of uttering the document, and against Chan Fook of aiding and abetting.

After evidence had been called in support of the case for the Crown, the prisoner made a statement in which he put the blame on a Portuguese man who, he said, was arrested by the police.

In regard to this matter, Mr. Fitzroy stated that a Portuguese was arrested but was subsequently released.

In another part of his statement, the prisoner said that he was persuaded in the matter by Chan Lo-yat, and it was not until he was told by Chan on January 16, that he knew the scrip to be forged. After learning that he refused to have anything more to do with the matter. Prisoner further stated it was an accident that he was in Lee House Street when arrested.

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all three counts.

Prior to passing sentence, Pun Pui was brought back to the dock. His Lordship sentenced Chan Fook to three years' imprisonment with hard labour on the first count and seven years on the second count, the sentences to run concurrently. Pun Pui was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on the admitted count of uttering.

REIGN OF TERROR.

TROUBLE IN TENGCHOW AREA.

Chefoo, Mar. 18.
There are no developments in the local situation.

Liu Chen-mien is still holding a position to the west and maintaining the strictest martial law. Chang Chung-chang has made several attempts to persuade Liu to join him, but up to the present has not been successful.

From foreign sources in Tengchowfu reports have been received that the situation there is daily becoming worse, particularly among the villages west and south west of Tahalenting, where the people are refusing to pay further levies to the military and are joining the "Red Spears" and similar bands and have raised the standard of revolt against the soldiery.

This has resulted in most terrible reprisals on the part of the soldiers who are robbing, murdering and raping all over the country.

Refugees continue to pour into Tengchowfu and steamers from there are insufficient to meet the demand. Those unable to leave their villages sleep on the hill-sides and return to their homes in the daytime, retreating again to the hills on an alarm of attack by soldiers or bandits.

Chang Chung-chang's headquarters continues to be the rendezvous of former officials endeavouring to procure positions in the event of his success.—*Reuter.*

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

FLOWING EVENING GOWNS.

In the recent showings of the latest fashion by the *haute couture* in Paris, there has been a further development of the lovely flowing styles for evening gowns.

Each material is used according to its *genre*, and the results are delightful. The bodices of tulle gowns are long and slim, with a low waistline, while on the backs of skirts, long, uneven double panels, usually ruffled at the waist, are placed, with perhaps a wide fan effect on either hip.

The skirts are sometimes quite long in front, and almost touch the floor at the back. A large choux, placed on the hip at the back of some of these frocks, breaks the flowing lines, but these frocks are so well balanced that in no case can one find a wrong proportion or one which mars the harmony.

Colours in Tulle.

The colours of the new tulle gowns which are so fashionable this season are exquisite, and there has been shown also some printed chiffon frocks, in which there is reproduced beautiful old designs in delicate blues and greens and pinks.

Occasionally all these shades are blended together on one dress by the introduction of flowing panels, or by a cascade of various delicate coloured pastel ribbons at the back of the gown, this for evening wear of course. On many of these frocks is placed a spray of simple flowers, which is not only in the shade of the gown, but which develop the theme.



Scalloped edges bound with crepe de chine to match the dress are the only "trimmings" permitted on this arresting model. The material used is hyacinth blue crepe georgette—a material which drapes and swishes more perfectly, perhaps, than any other.



The walking suit sketched here looks most effective carried out in plaid stockinette. The skirt is pleated at each side, while the coat fastens down one side beneath two folds of plain stockinette in colours to match the plaid. Pockets and scarf ends are similarly finished.

About Negligees.

A QUESTION OF DEPORTMENT.

Appreciation of femininity *per se* has increased tremendously in the last year. Of course sports clothes are simple and utilitarian, and tailored suits are very smart and trim, but, at home, in the mornings and evenings, the women who wear them (as well as the men who see them) have taken a fancy to negligees which are attractively feminine.

For women who do not care for the flimsy flutter of the many-petalled confections of chiffon and feathers, there are simpler, more classic lines, which are just as feminine and rather more distinguished. Among the best negligees of this type are the Greek chifons, handwoven of rich silks.

The gold colours, the marvellous green-blues, and rich crimsons, to be found in the supple gowns appear in glossy textures of more than Oriental splendour.

Now that the dressmakers have declared their intention of persuading women to wear more formal styles by making them so alluring that she will not be able to resist them, another question arises.

Most women have forgotten, if they ever learned, the art of deportment, as their grandmothers knew it.

It is no longer a part of a girl's education, and much sport and exercise freedom from long skirts have combined to encourage her to use a swinging gait.

But if she is to wear frills and flounces and ruffles again she will have to learn to walk gracefully, for such essentially feminine furbelows will never match a masculine stride.

Riviera Fashions.

DARKER HOSIERY TO BE WORN.

Dresses of shaded material for afternoon or evening wear continue in favour. An ideal evening frock for a pretty girl was shaded from flesh-pink to Juliet-rose; at least a dozen different shades of georgette.

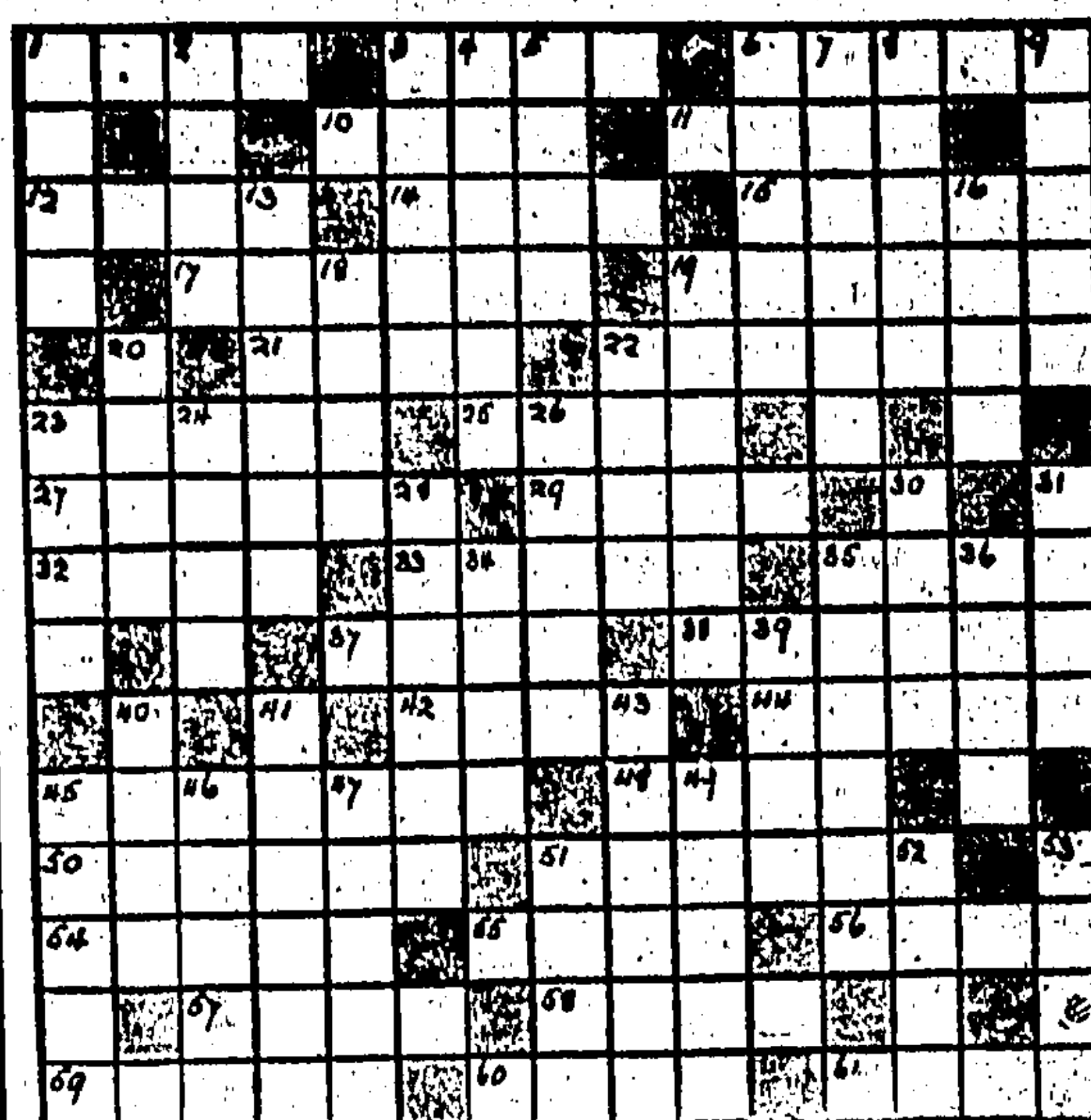
With Hosiery to Match.

The silk stockings to be worn with this frock exactly matched the lowest flounces and the satin shoes followed suit. This is one of the very new ideas, and it is quite possible that it may lead to a revival of thin black silk stockings for wearing with black dresses in the evening. I have already seen quite a number of black silk stockings inset with fronts of fine black lace worn by our Parisian elegantes with black evening gowns, and the effect was excellent.

Now that inches are being added to the hem of afternoon and evening dresses a change is creeping in with regard to stockings. It was one thing to exhibit shapely legs from the knees down in nude or beige, stockings, but quite another to display a few inches of light-coloured stocking just about the ankle line!

Will Changes be Accepted?

One drastic change calls for many others. In joyous spirit the great designers of Paris are making side panels and pointed draperies longer and longer; in the same spirit we are accepting this change; but are we going to offer a welcome to dark stockings, not to speak of long black evening gloves?—*Villiers.* In Exchange.



Across

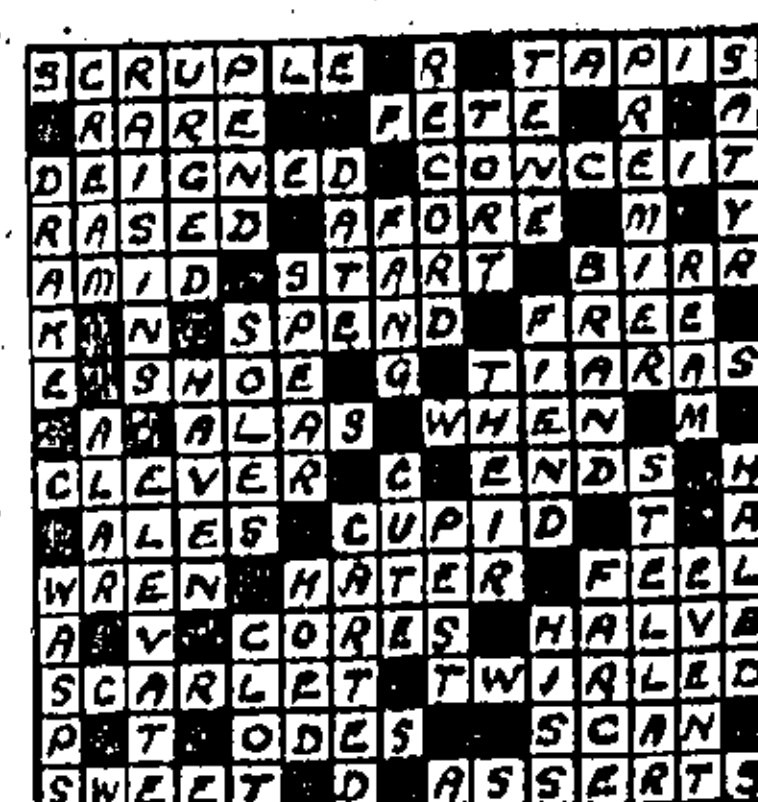
- 1 Main point.
- 3 Cleanse.
- 6 Possessing property.
- 10 Renown.
- 11 Swing round.
- 12 Ooze.
- 14 Certain.
- 15 Musical instrument.
- 17 Domestic utensil.
- 19 Mad.
- 21 You.
- 22 Hardened.
- 23 Recess.
- 25 It was.
- 27 Passages.
- 29 Moved with haste.
- 32 Go round.
- 33 Cold.
- 35 Harvest.
- 37 Contest.
- 38 Monks.
- 42 Mass of rocks.
- 43 Harmonious.
- 45 Depressions in the cheek.
- 48 Resounded.
- 50 Loved.
- 51 Moderate gallop.
- 54 Prince's morning reception.
- 55 Large cupola.
- 56 Stupely.
- 57 Organs of hearing.
- 58 Ravine.
- 59 Measures of length.
- 60 Yield.
- 61 Jolt.

Down

- 1 Long cut.
- 2 Indulge in a sullen mood.
- 3 Ravage.
- 4 Charm.
- 5 Wither.
- 6 Solitary.
- 7 Imprecated.
- 8 Kingly.

- 9 Had dinner.
- 13 Scope allowed.
- 16 Afresh.
- 18 Denotes more than one person.
- 19 Pronoun.
- 20 Measure of length.
- 22 Journey by water.
- 23 Middle part of a church.
- 24 Character in music.
- 26 Colour.
- 28 Made points.
- 30 Dread.
- 31 Semi-circular projection (Architecture).
- 34 Tins.
- 35 Dressed.
- 36 Sunken space before a window.
- 39 Speak enthusiastically.
- 40 Board.
- 41 Stretch.
- 43 Fabricated.
- 45 Trifle.
- 46 That which gives motion.
- 47 Sly looks.
- 49 Anoint with extremeunction.
- 51 Secret words.
- 52 Demolish.
- 53 Decey.

Yesterday's Solution.



LETTER GOLF.

Every SHOE has a SOLE, even in letter golf. Par is five.

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S	O	L	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.
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3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
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By Blosser

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ARABIA? WHY I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT IS!
I'LL JUST KEEP ASKING TILL I FIND SOME BODY THAT KNOWS!

YOU DON'T HADEN TO KNOW HOW FAR IT IS FROM HERE TO ARABIA, DO YOU MISTER AMULGAN?

DON'T BELIEVE I DO, ANY BOY!

ARABIA? NOW I WONDER IF THAT'S A TOWN IN THE NEXT COUNTRY? IF YOU WANT ASK AT THE AUTO CLUB, THEY'D KNOW!

THANKS, MISTER AMULGAN—MEEBIE THEY'LL HAVE SOME MAPS THEY'D ONE ME, TOO!!

SAY! WHAT'S THE IDEA IN THIS ARABIA STUFF YOU'RE PULLIN' UP? YOU KNOW TO GET THERE YOU HAVE TO TAKE A BIG SHIP 'AN' YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT! DON'TEA NOW?

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT I AM OR AMN' GOING TO DO??

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Mr. Harold and Mrs. J. H. Seth thank all friends for expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY MARCH 19, 1929.

A WISE DECISION.

In banking, commercial and sharebroking circles there will be general satisfaction at the news that the Government has decided to drop the Stamp Ordinance (Amendment) Bill. The unanimous opposition to the measure, reflected in the extensively signed petition sent to the Government, as well as in the representations made by the General Chamber of Commerce, left little other option to the authorities. It is true that some attempt might have been made to amend the Bill so as to remove the principal grounds of objection, but inasmuch as the criticisms struck at the very root of the proposed legislation, it would have been an extremely difficult matter to patch up the amending Ordinance. The whole position has doubtless been explored by the law officers of the Crown, with the result that the complexity of the issues involved has indicated the desirability of making an entirely fresh start. In the circumstances, this is unquestionably the wisest course.

The Government is still apparently perturbed over the matter of evasion of death and stamp duties, which provided the *raison d'être* for the proposed legislation, for it is intimated that a further attempt is to be made to amend the law with a view to stopping this leakage. Whether the authorities have themselves formulated any ideas as to the best procedure to be adopted to attain this object is not disclosed, but the fact that a committee is to be appointed to report on the whole subject indicates that the Government is prepared to stay its hand until it has had the expert advice of this body. The taking of that step implies a willingness to listen to all that can be usefully said on the matter, and it is gratifying that the committee will be composed of business men and others who are conversant with the problem that is to be investigated. Much needless anxiety would have been prevented and considerable time and energy saved had this step been taken

before the now-discarded proposals were put forward. The agitation against the Bill has at any rate had this value—that it has demonstrated the unwisdom of the Government putting forward legislation likely to affect any considerable section of the business or any other community without first freely consulting those who are in a position to offer useful advice. In this instance, not only the two sharebroking organisations, but banking and other commercial institutions, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, were available on the spot and should have been freely taken into the Government's confidence. Instead of that, the first intimation that interested circles had of the Government intention was the publication of the draft Ordinance. That is a course of procedure which ought never to have been taken. Fortunately, no harm has been done, if we except the possibility of lost business caused by stagnation of the stock and share market consequent on the fear of restrictive legislation.

That the Bill which has now been dropped was the wrong way of dealing with the situation there can be no doubt whatever. That fact is now conceded by the Government. There are other ways and means of strengthening the law, if this is deemed necessary, than that of legislating against the whole investing community in such a manner as to drive capital from the Colony. If, in addition to seeking to overcome duty evasion, the Government had in view the possibility of preventing speculation, we cannot see why it should have specifically singled out the share market. To be logical and impartial, it should have attempted also to deal with speculation in exchange and in the innumerable commodities in which the "gambling" element is just as apparent. In reality, however, there is little reason why the authorities should concern themselves with the moral aspects of speculation in any form. The various organisations here have their own rules which, if rigidly enforced, will prevent any recurrence of the 1925 disasters. That should suffice, for the lesson of four years ago has been well learned. If it is still felt that the evasion of death and stamp duties is sufficiently serious to warrant the amending of the existing law, well and good. But let the revision be freed of possibly harmful consequences to the share and business markets of the Colony.

The Spanish Disorders.

The growing discontent in Spain has strengthened the belief of General Primo de Rivera's opponents that the moment is opportune for the overthrow of the Dictatorship, and it is almost safe to assume that the "revolution" is not yet spent. A careful study of recent events rather suggests that the Dictator is getting tired of such a position, but is finding it more difficult to end the "iron hand" than it was to assume it. It is not readily forgotten that General Rivera seized power in the name of the army, and his subsequent endeavours to substitute a civil for a military dictatorship have succeeded only in rousing the ire of the army. Added to this, he made the fatal mistake of seeking to substitute promotion by merit for promotion by seniority in the army, a serious offence against military tradition. Up to the present the revolts have been easily suppressed, largely because a plot of extensive ramifications was discovered just in time. An interesting and somewhat dramatic story is told in this connection. The suspicions of an official were aroused by the despatch of twenty telegrams to different towns, announcing that the "arrival of Josephine" would be delayed for two days. With much astuteness on the part of those responsible, nineteen of the messages were allowed to go through, but the twentieth, addressed to Ciudad Real, was stopped, with the result that the garrison at Ciudad Real rebelled prematurely and in isolation. This development, which took the plotters off their guard, killed the revolt almost at a single blow. It would be a great mistake, how-

DAY BY DAY.

THE MAN WHO HAS NOT ANYTHING TO BOAST OF BUT HIS ILLUSTRIOUS ANCESTORS IS LIKE A POTATO—THE ONLY GOOD BELONGING TO HIM IS UNDER GROUND. —Sir T. Overbury.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 16th March at 10 a.m.

The transport Somersetshire is due to arrive at Hongkong from Singapore at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

H.M.S. Kent, the flagship of the China Squadron, will leave Shanghai on March 27 and return to Hongkong.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. C. E. Pinel, surveyor and assessor, Shanghai, to Miss D. R. Quincy, en route to Hongkong on board the s.s. Hector.

The forty-fourth annual ordinary general meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Thursday, March 28, at noon.

H.M. ships Sterling, Stormcloud, Seraph and Sonnet will arrive here from the North on Wednesday, March 27. H.M.S. Bruce is shortly leaving for Shanghai, being due there on March 28.

Yip Tim, a steersman, and Kwok Lum, a travelling trader, were charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with the possession of 14 imitations of the hundred-piastre issue of the Banque de l'Indochine. They were remanded for further enquiries.

Two of the six men who were arrested in connexion with the recent murder at Eli Cottage, Old Kowloon Tong, were discharged by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on the application of Detective Sergeant Mottram at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The other four were formally remanded for one week.

Chan Sui-kan, a 14-year-old boy, was injured yesterday in a fracas which occurred on a sloop on which he was employed with other hands. In the scuffle, he received a cut on the left wrist, and fell overboard. A prompt rescue was effected by the crew of another native boat, the injured boy being taken aboard the s.s. Hellas and later removed to the Kowloon Hospital. When the police went to look for the assailant they found that he had absconded from the boat.

over, to suppose that the temporary failure has cured the unrest in military circles, and while the country generally is not enthusiastic, an influential political faction still schemes for the downfall of the Dictatorship. Disorders have now broken out in Granada, while the Madrid students are not done with yet in spite of the rigorous measures taken by the Government for the suppression of the disturbances. General Primo de Rivera, whose edicts were torn to pieces at Granada, denies the seriousness of the disorders, but the suspension of the military colleges and the universities is dealing with the problem at the wrong end, a fact which we fear may be only too quickly realised.

TO-DAY'S INTERESTING WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF MISS JEAN HO TUNG.

A wedding in which a great deal of local interest is being shown takes place this afternoon at the Registry Office, the parties being Mr. W. M. Gittins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins and Miss Ho Tung, daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung. It is being followed by a big reception at "Idlewild," the Seymour Road residence of the bride's parents.

The bride, who is being given away by her parents, will be attired in a gown of ivory coloured cut velvet, with train lined in blue pink georgette. Her bouquet will be of arum lilies.

Attending the bride will be Miss C. M. Fisher and Miss P. G. Lo as bridesmaids and Master Wilbur Lo as page-boy. The former will wear old-fashioned robes of flowered taffeta and velvet and will carry bouquets of sweet peas.

Lady Ho Tung's dress will be of crepe broche metal. Mr. E. Zimmermann is to be the "best man."

The honeymoon is to be spent in Japan, and the bride's going-away dress will be of powder blue broche velvet.

MARINE COURT.

MINOR CASES DEALT WITH.

Before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N. at the Marine Court this morning, two mistresses of cargo boats were charged with making fast to the s.s. Wai Shing whilst the vessel was under way. They admitted the charge, and were fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Li To, the master of an unlicensed boat, was brought before his Worship to answer two charges (a) for failing to take out a licence for his boat as required, (b) with failing to exhibit regulation lights whilst under way.

Pleading guilty, he said that he was a new arrival to the Colony and did not know the regulations. He had no intention of staying here long, he said, having been here for only a couple of days.

Sgt. McRobbie, prosecuting, when asked by his Worship how long the defendant had been here stated that defendant told him that he had been in Hongkong for about 10 days.

Defendant was found guilty on both charges and was fined \$7 or seven days on the first charge and \$10 or 10 days on the second. In the event of his not paying the fines, the sentences were to run consecutively.

TRAGIC DEATH OF EUROPEAN GIRL.

INSPECTOR ROGERS'S CHILD PASSES AWAY.

The deepest sympathy of their many friends in the Police Force and elsewhere will be extended to Sub-Inspector and Mrs. H. E. Rogers in their sad bereavement, resulting from an accident to their little three-year-old daughter, Nellie, which occurred on Saturday afternoon at the district Police Station of Sheungshui, on the mainland.

The child was playing on the verandah of the Upper storey of the Station, when she overbalanced and fell to the ground receiving serious injuries to the head. She was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital, but passed away, yesterday, despite every care.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

BE PLAYING CAUTIOUSLY
WHEN DARING MIGHT
MEAN GAME

North (Dummy)—
♠ 10 8 5
♥ 5 4 3
♦ 7 6 4 3

West—
♠ 2

South (Declarer)—
♠ A K J 4 3
♥ Q K J
♦ A Q J
♣ A 5 3

The Bidding: South opens with one spade and all pass. Deciding the Play: East wins first trick with Ace of hearts and South wins second trick with King

of hearts. Declarer observes that he has two losing clubs, possibly one losing diamond in addition to one heart trick which he has already lost. He cannot afford therefore to lose any tricks in diamonds if game is to be made. Diamonds must be finessed twice. How can this be accomplished?

The Error: Declarer plays 2 of spades and takes with Queen of spades.

The Correct Method: Declarer plays 2 of spades and finesses 9 of spades. Then he takes a diamond finesse playing Queen of diamonds. After that he plays to Queen of spades and takes another diamond finesse playing Jack of diamonds. Now he draws trumps and game is assured.

The Principle: If necessary, take a deep finesse to establish a re-entry.

The Very Idea!

A new problem for railway booking clerks, according to a correspondent of the G.W.R. Magazine, is raised by the facility, recently introduced, by which children up to the age of 14 are granted half fares.

"Whilst in the case of males," he writes, "this will make no more difficulty than hitherto, in the case of females there arises a serious question, namely, how is one to distinguish between a female of 14 and one of any age upward to about 45?"

The universal fashion of bobbed hair, short skirts, and a bloom of youth supplied by cosmetics, he asserts, is going to create embarrassments for the booking clerk.

"I foresee a time," he adds, "when grandma, aged about 45, slides up to a booking office, and in a plaintive, small voice, asks for a half-ticket to 'Somewhere-on-Sea,' and gets it."

"While admitting there is an element of facetiousness in the foregoing, I say also there is an element of fact."

"Are you still looking for your lost sixpence, little boy?" "No, ma, wee brither 'fnd it." "Then what are you looking for?" "Ma wee brither."

[According to Mr. James Sexton, M.P., "there is an unwritten law that criticism of a ship with any in the form of sea shanties can continue without interference from the officers.]"

Oh, we don't like the captain, we're disgusted with the ship, And the passengers are wash-outs, every one. If we tried to say exactly what we think about the trip There would be a revolution when we'd done. So we've had it set to music, with a chorus of "Belays." And a "Yo Heave Ho!" to finish every verse. And although we're not polite about the owners and their ways, In reality they're infinitely worse.

Thinking that the milkman had been giving us short measure, I decided to be up bright and early and make my protest. Judge of my astonishment when, peeping from the casement, I saw our greyhound, Wolf, returning from his morning run, glance stealthily around, then gently knock the sealed bottle over on its side.

I watched him wait while the milk soaked well into the cardboard, then proceed to gently suck his bottle until refreshed.

The cap soon dried, and except for the short quantity, no one would have thought the bottle could have been touched.

"I got a kick on the head and my eye filled up when I called on my children after watching a football match."—A man at Willeston.

Husband at Tottenham: All would be well if my wife would keep a still tongue. If there is one thing I can't stand it is tongue pie.

Willeston magistrate to police sergeant: Give this truant an optical lesson by showing him the birch.

The number of lies I listen to in this court is appalling."—Mr. Hall-kett, the Marylebone magistrate.

Mr. Tassell, the Tower Bridge magistrate: One of the foolish things people do to-day is to leave a good job to "better" themselves.

To-day's Dog Story.—"M. K. R." writes: "One night when we were all in bed at about 8 a.m. I was suddenly waked by one great deep bark, and there was Patsy, my bull terrier, sitting outside my bed-room door, having come up from the kitchen, where she was sleeping at the time. She seemed to be distressed about something and refused to be comforted, and stranger of all would not come with me into my bed-room, but would not leave me.

"My mother, who was sleeping in the bed-room next to mine, hearing me about so long, over the matter, called out to me to come into bed with her, thinking 'I would be cold. To our surprise, on agreeing to do this, we heard Patsy run happily off and get into her own basket downstairs."

"Early in the morning we were startled by the sound of a tremendous crash in the house, and on going into my bed-room we discovered the ceiling had fallen on to the bed, where I most certainly should have been had it not been for Patsy's night visit."

**ALLEGED ROBBERS
ON TRIAL.****CASE WHICH DEPENDS WHOLLY
ON IDENTIFICATION.****DENIAL OF GUILT.**

That the case for the Crown depended entirely on the evidence of identification was a statement made to the jury by the Police Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), when the Criminal Sessions were continued this morning, during the trial of Ho Chok-lam and Leung Ching, who were indicted for a robbery at Mongkok.

In making the remark, his Lordship pointed out that none of the stolen property was found on the men and they were not arrested until a week afterwards.

It is alleged that the men entered the second floor of No. 239, Portland Street, bound and gagged three women occupants, and stole various articles of clothing, bangles, rings, and a total of \$87 in money.

Both prisoners denied the charges and stated that they had been wrongly identified.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, prosecuting for the Crown, stated that at about one o'clock on the afternoon of February 4, there was a knock at the door and someone outside asked for the husband of one of the women. When the door was opened, three men entered, including the two prisoners. They proceeded to bind and gag the occupants, using potatoes for the latter purpose, and two of the women received small stabs in the hand from knives which the robbers carried. The robbers subsequently got away after searching the place.

Dealing with the manner in which the arrests were effected, counsel continued that, on February 11, two of the victimised women were walking along a street when they suddenly came face to face with the first prisoner. The recognition was apparently mutual, because the man immediately attempted to shield his face by drawing his hat down. He proceeded to No. 54, Shanghai Street, being followed by the women, and disappeared inside. While one woman watched, the other brought her husband along, after which he left the two women to watch and proceeded towards Mongkok Police Station by way of Nelson Street.

Shortly after the husband had left, the prisoner came out of the house in which he had taken refuge and took to his heels, the women immediately raising the alarm. Fortunately for the prisoner, added Mr. Fitzroy, the man ran in the direction taken by the husband. He passed the husband, who immediately gave chase, the man eventually being caught in Nathan Road. The second prisoner was arrested on information obtained.

Evidence was given by the women inmates, of whom it was stated positively that they recognised both prisoners as men who entered the house.

Another old woman said she was sure she recognised the first prisoner, but she could not recognise the second man.

The case is proceeding.

**BATCH OF TRAFFIC
OFFENDERS.****SPEEDING ON NEW PRAYA
THOROUGHFARE.**

For travelling on the wrong side of the statue of Queen Victoria in Statue Square, a Chinese chauffeur was fined \$10 by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The summons was taken out by Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., who stated that the defendant was seen at 6.45 p.m. on February 24 driving on the north side of the statue whilst proceeding from east to west. At the time, Mr. Kent was going in the opposite direction, and but for the timely application of the brakes by his chauffeur, an accident would have taken place.

The same defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to produce either his licence or his brass badge as a public driver on February 25. For this he was fined \$16.

A public car driver who parked his car on the west side of Chater Road, which is reserved for private cars, was fined \$5.

In another case, a chauffeur was fined \$7 for passing a stationary tram.

A fine of \$20 was imposed in a case in which a Chinese chauffeur pleaded guilty to speeding at 35 miles an hour in Queen's Road East between the Naval Dockyard and the Grand Theatre. The man's record showed that his licence had once been previously suspended.

Speeding on the new road on the Praya East Reclamation caused the appearance of the chauffeur of car No. 249 before his Worship. The defendant, pleading guilty, was fined \$10.

The chauffeurs who were caught touting on Wong Nei Chong Road on Saturday, March 2, were fined \$5 each. The police also took out summonses for obstruction against these drivers, for which they were fined a further \$5.

**THE INFANTICIDE
PROBLEM.****SWATOW EDICT FORBIDDING
THE PRACTICE.****WOMEN'S MOVEMENT.**

Swatow, Mar. 14.

It might be thought that at this time of day infanticide had been stamped out of China. A Municipal edict forbidding the practice shows that the two motives which impel it still press heavily on the poorer classes. These are the fact of the low standard of living and the severe economic pressure under which the people live, and, secondly, the tendency to despise female children.

Many parents are so disappointed at the birth of a girl, especially if there has not yet been a boy in the family, that they will not trouble to rear her. The progress of girls' education is doing something to remove the disability under which women live, and to raise them in the general estimation. The Women's Movement also brings the question vividly to the fore.

On March 8th, Women's Day was observed, and a circular pressing the claims of the movement, and referring to the age-long ill treatment of women in China, was published. The pressure of population, however, added to the fact that the boys stay at home and look after their parents in old age while a girl is the child who "runs away," continue to keep the old feelings alive.

The Municipal edict orders that parents who cannot support their infant children shall take them to one of the two Municipal Foundling Hospitals, these being opened by one of the philanthropic societies, and by the Roman Catholic Mission. Others who cannot be thus provided for are to be reported to the Municipality by whom arrangements are to be made.—Our Own Correspondent.

**CHELMSFORD RADIO
PROGRAMME.****CLEARLY HEARD BY LOCAL
ENTHUSIAST.**

A well-known local radio enthusiast had a most interesting experience this morning, from 3 to 8 o'clock, when he heard the full programme broadcast from Chelmsford station. He has a powerful super-heterodyne short-wave eight-valve set, and by use of a loud speaker, was able to hear with the utmost distinctness the whole programme. Chelmsford's call is S.W.5, and the wave-length is 25.6. Broadcasting takes place daily, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to midnight (London time).

The opening of the 7 p.m. programme was indicated in Hongkong at 3 a.m. to-day by the sounding of Big Ben, this being followed by a talk on plays now running in London. Then came piano selections and a French talk.

At 3.45 a.m., the local amateur enjoyed a fine vaudeville show, amongst the contributors to which were Fred Gibson, as well as Williams and Taylor of "The Blackbirds" fame. In the course of a humorous talk, Fred Gibson told a story of how, at a dinner party, there were no sardines left, so he was given the gold fish!

Then came orchestral selections and a xylophone solo, this being followed by a sketch and then by a talk by Mr. Ashley on "Saving the Countryside," in which he outlined suggested housing reforms.

After this, there was a programme of Irish music, including the bagpipes, and later there was a selection of Chinese music on the flute, with an explanatory talk.

Also amongst the items was a bridge hand as played by two gentlemen, a lady and "dummy," with explanations of the progress of the game.

The programme concluded with band music. It was very clearly heard in Hongkong, a fact which demonstrates the progress which is being made in wireless.

**WEST POINT ROBBERY
SEQUEL.****MAN CHARGED IN COURT
THIS MORNING.**

Charging a man with armed robbery before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, Sergeant Rozesky stated that he was a fook of a rice-shop at No. 61, First Street, West Point, which was raided by armed robbers early on Friday morning.

It was alleged that the accused, in collusion with the robbers, opened the door in response to their knock. After they had left, it was found that the proprietor of the shop had died, apparently having been suffocated by the gag which the robbers forced into his mouth.

Accused was formally remanded for a week.

**ROBBERS RANSACK
RESTAURANT.****ARMED MEN BIND UP ALL
THE EMPLOYEES.****AT KOWLOON CITY.**

A little restaurant at Kowloon City, situated close to the Sung Wong Rock, after which it is named, was the scene of much excitement last night, when four men entered the premises and committed an armed robbery, subsequently escaping with a haul valued at over a hundred dollars.

Close on midnight, when business had slackened and there were only four customers left in the building, four men looked in, and, after selecting a table, ordered refreshments. Presently, one of them got up from his seat and walked casually to the counter. The man behind it then found himself suddenly looking into the muzzle of a revolver held by the "customer."

At the same time, another of the men, who was still seated at the table, got up and similarly whipped out a revolver with which he held up the other employees of the establishment.

Bound and gagged, the victims were thrust into a room, and left there until the robbers had made good their escape, after having thoroughly ransacked the place.

The value of the haul, comprising principally money and jewellery, is estimated at \$112.

**EX-KAISER ON HIS
MOTHER.****ENGLISH IDEALS ON
PRUSSIAN SOIL.**

Berlin, Feb. 12.

The ex-Kaiser Wilhelm presents, as a preface to the German edition of his mother's letters, published to-morrow, his portrait of the Empress Frederick, which was curiously missing from his recent work on his ancestors.

He makes no secret of his displeasure that the letters should ever have been published, but now that there is no escape, he boldly sponsors what he describes as a "grandiose, historical document for all time." His heading, "The Letters of my Mother, the Empress Frederick Wilhelm," appears in manuscript reproduction.

The ex-Kaiser opens his preface with the most graceful compliments to his mother, "a brilliant, beautiful woman, whose gifts and personality were bound to make an immediate and dominating impression" in her newly-adopted home. Indeed, what else could one expect of the daughter of a "great and commanding Queen, who, surpassing Catherine of Russia in importance and the Empress Maria Theresa in good fortune, gave the impress to a whole epoch?"

Two Misfortunes.

However, having made these concessions of filial piety, the panegyrist passes insensibly into the apologist of himself. The Empress, it appears, was afflicted with two misfortunes, which explain everything. In the first place, she was born and grew up in the atmosphere of England, whence she drew certain ideals which she in vain desired to see transplanted to the unfavourable soil of Prussia.

While her husband was alive there was hope, but with his

**TARIFF EFFECT ON
SHIPBUILDING.****WHERE HONGKONG ENJOYS AN
ADVANTAGE.****SHANGHAI COMPLAINT.**

Reference to the harmful effect on shipbuilding of the new Chinese tariff was made at the annual general meeting of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., Shanghai, by the Chairman, Mr. H. E. Arnold.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Arnold said:—It must be realized that the new tariff imposing, as it does, substantial duties upon material and component parts necessary in construction work, particularly on large and more important vessels, is going to prove a serious handicap, and may possibly result in the diversion of much construction work to other building centres which, otherwise, would have come to Shanghai.

It seems a little anomalous that, if a Chinese shipping company, or any company, operating vessels in these waters, wish to acquire new tonnage, they can have a vessel built abroad or at Hongkong, and can then operate it in the Yangtze or on the coastal trade or, for the matter of that, in any trade, and it will not cost the owners one cent in duty. Should, however, the vessel be built in Shanghai, it will represent, when completed, in cost a considerable percentage in respect of Customs duty paid upon the raw materials and essential parts.

To such extent, therefore, the recently introduced tariff cannot be regarded as very scientific, and I would suggest, for the consideration of the authorities concerned, that, in any revision of the tariff, raw material and component parts to be utilized in construction (thereby providing labour for Chinese workmen) should either be admitted duty free or, upon proof that such material or parts had been actually utilized in shipbuilding, full rebate of any duty paid should be allowed.

death there was disappointment and bitterness to overflowing. To this was added her "passionate temperament, which even in her normal days seldom set any bridge to its mode of expression."

But now after the death of her husband "with nerves shattered, torn between England and Germany," she saw everywhere egotism, antipathy to herself, indeed she even believed herself the object of hatred.

Pitiless Destiny.

Accordingly "Whatever came her way reacted upon her with redoubled force. She was sensitive. Everything wounded her. She was accustomed to quick words and she wrote them down. She saw gloom and hostility everywhere. She was led by her temperament to speak sharp words about everybody. A pitiless destiny cast the shadow of a deep sadness upon her soul and she was in short 'the poorest and most hapless woman who ever wore a crown.'"

And consequently when the reader passes from the preface to the letters nothing will surprise him. "Posterity too," the apologia concludes, "will read them with deep emotion and pass just judgment."

**DEAD SEA SALTS
CONCESSION.****PROVISIONAL OFFER MADE
BY GOVERNMENT.****NO BRITISH CONTROL.**

London, Mar. 18.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore announced that the Colonial Office had received a reply from the Trans-Jordanian Government respecting the question of the Dead Sea Salt concessions. Both they and the Palestinian Government had now authorized the conclusion of a draft agreement, and the Colonial Office hoped to be in a position to make a definite offer to the prospective concessionaires at an early date. If it were accepted and other matters were satisfactorily arranged, the concession would be duly sanctioned.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore added that the concession had been offered provisionally to Major Tulloch and Mr. Novomesky, in equal shares. He had no reason to doubt that these two gentlemen could raise the necessary capital.

A question was asked whether the final agreement now being considered by the Palestine Government contained provisions to ensure permanent British control and the avoidance of a monopoly of control by any group or organisation interested in the production or sale of potash.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that in view of the terms of the mandate it was not thought practicable to add any provisions for British control. Any concession that was granted, however, would provide that the operating Company should not without the previous written consent of the Palestinian and Trans-Jordanian governments, enter into any arrangement for restriction of output or for the raising or keeping up of prices in such manners as to restrict output.—British Wire- less.

SUSPENDED OFFICIALS**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INQUIRY OPENED.**

A passage of words between Mr. C. F. Roundell, barrister, conducting a Ministry of Health inquiry at the Islington Guardians' Offices and Mr. H. Gordon Everett, marked the opening of the hearing recently.

The inquiry concerned the suspension of two of the Board's relieving officers—Mr. H. B. Hamm and Mr. H. S. Ryder.

Mr. Everett had asked the district auditor to inquire into alleged irregular payments of relief by the two officers, and the district auditor in turn requested the Guardians to hold an inquiry.

As a result of that inquiry Mr. Ryder and Mr. Hamm were suspended from duty and the Guardians asked the Ministry of Health to conduct a full investigation.

Mr. Everett yesterday asked to be allowed to make a statement, but Mr. Roundell told him that unless he was going to give evidence, he could not be heard.

Mr. Everett—I am quite prepared to give evidence.

Mr. Roundell—Then as all other witnesses are to leave I must ask you to do the same.

Mr. Everett—Very well, I will remain and make a statement later.

Mr. Roundell questioned Mr. Hamm—whose case he took first—about a letter which Mr. Hamm sent to one of the recipients of relief.

One of the Guardians' clerks produced a relief book which, he said, showed that £16 2s. 6d. was charged to the Guardians in respect of this particular case in excess of what the recipient was actually paid.

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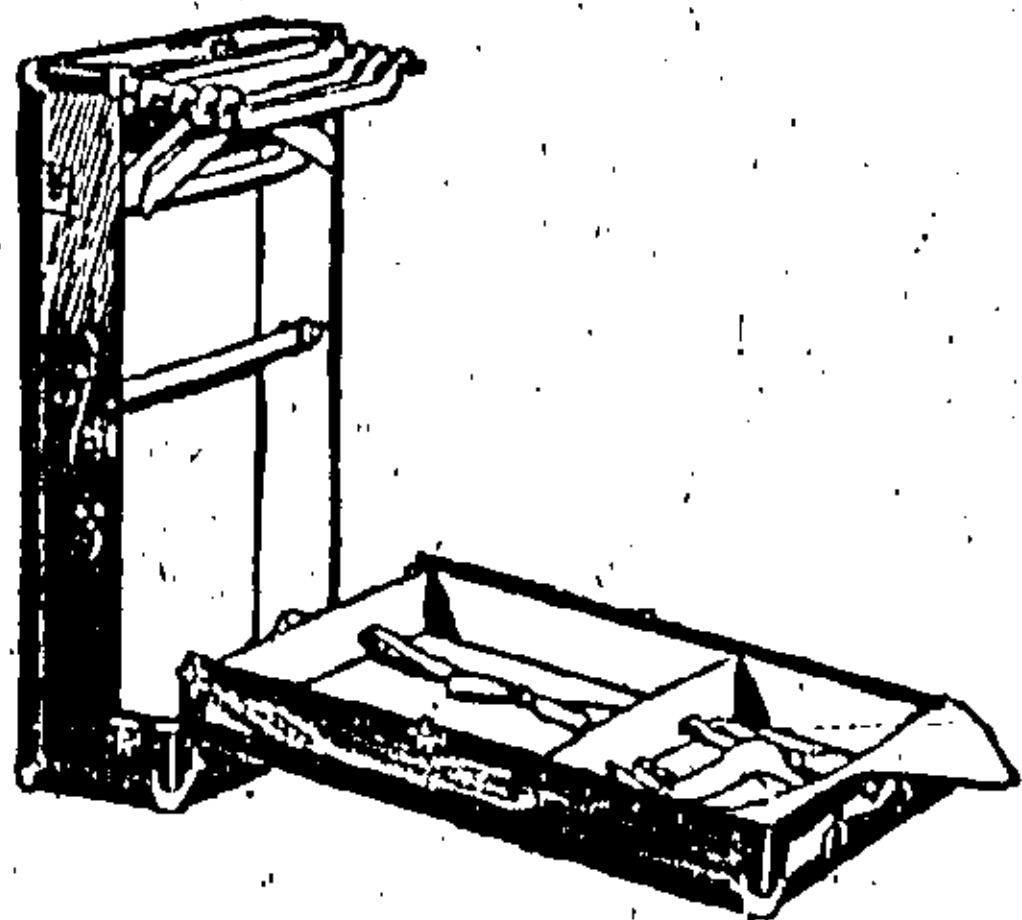
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LAWN TENNIS.

RUMJAHNS WIN EASILY
IN OPEN DOUBLES.

The Fincher brothers gave a very disappointing exhibition against the Rumjahn couple in the third round of the Open Championship Doubles on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, losing in straight sets. The brothers only took four games, two in the first set and two in the third.

The holders were never extended, and gave a convincing display.

They will now meet the winners of the tie between Honda and Akiyama and Lucas and Tottenham. Whoever pair wins the match in the semi-final should be well worth watching. The holders should, however, advance yet another step and enter the final.

In the Club Championship L. Goldman had no difficulty in his match with H. J. Armstrong, whom he beat in two sets.

Full Results.

Open Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat E. C. and E. F. Fincher 6-2, 6-2.

Club Championship.—L. Goldman beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B".—E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) beat G. N. de Man (own 2/6) 6-1, 6-4; L. A. R. Duncan (own 2/6) beat A. Held (own 1/6) 6-1, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—H. V. Barker and Miss D. Stanton (own 2/6) beat A. H. Crook and Mrs. Womack (own 4/6) 4-6, 6-3, 8-6; Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy (rec. 4/6) beat V. W. L. Stanton and Mrs. J. S. McEachran (rec. 3/6) 6-3, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.

The matches for this afternoon are:

Open Doubles.—G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie v. F. A. Redmond and J. Hale; Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama.

Handicap Singles "B".—T. J. Price (own 2/6) v. M. D. Scott (own 2/6).

Handicap Singles "A".—L. Goldman (own 1/4) v. H. R. Remington (own 3/8).

Handicap Doubles.—A. Piercy and W. D. Fiddes Wilson (Scr.) v. A. H. Penn and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 1/6).

Mixed Doubles.—S. E. Green and Miss Heard (own 1/6) v. E. D. Lawrence and Mrs. Davenport Brown (rec. 4/6).

SPEED CONTEST.

MAJOR SEGRAVE'S MOTOR
BOAT DESCRIBED.

London, Mar. 18. Major Segrave has reached Miami, Florida, where in his motor-boat "Miss England" he will shortly attack the late speed record of 92.8 miles an hour established last year by Garwood.

Major Segrave's craft is fitted with a 900 h.p. Napier Lion, 12 cylinder aero-engine of the pattern with which he recently established a new land speed record in his "Golden Arrow" car.

The boat measures 28 ft., and is 7 ft. 6 in. in the beam, and the weight, exclusive of the engines is only 1,000 lbs.

Dual rudders are fitted, one forward and one after. These are connected, and are similarly operated by a single movement of the steering wheel, this system enabling the boat to be turned at high speeds much more quickly than is possible with the ordinary rudder.—British Wireless.

LOCAL YACHTING.

ONLY ONE BOAT FINISHES
WITHIN TIME.

The Ladies Presented Cup race in connexion with the R. H. K. Y. C. yesterday was remarkable for the fact that only one yacht finished within the time limit, which was 6 p.m. The course was Channel Rocks (P), East Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S); distance 6.0 miles.

Handicap Class, Started 3 p.m.

Yacht.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana	D.N.F.	
Colleen	D.N.F.	
La Linda	(1) 5.50.02	5.47.43
Dorothen	D.N.F.	

I.Y. & G. Classes, Started 3.05 p.m.

Daphne	D.N.F.
Joan	D.N.F.
Why Wonder	D.N.F.
Wings	D.N.F.
Bluenose	D.N.F.
Speedwell	D.N.F.

BOGEY POOL.

CAPT. BLOXHAM WINS WITH
CARD OF FOUR UP.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling over the week-end was won by Capt. R. F. Bloxham with a card of four up. Other scores were: E. Newhouse 3 up, A. H. Ferguson 2 up, A. E. Lasseman 1 up, H. K. Hepburn all square, Major Beamish and R. H. Hollis 1 down.

There were fifty entries.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Club "A" hockey eleven against H.M.S. Petersfield on Friday at King's Park: Sapsed; Robinson, Rankin; Evans, Duncan; Price; Ross, Nowers, Wallack, Botelho; and Fincher. Bully-off: 5.15 p.m.

PARSEE CEMETERY
AT MACAO.

CENTENARY CEREMONY HELD
ON SUNDAY.

LINKS WITH PAST.

A historic event was observed at Macao on Sunday, when, in accordance with solemn prescribed rites, the Jassan ceremony was held at the Parsee Cemetery to commemorate its first centenary.

The Parsee Priest made a special journey from Hongkong for the purpose and in the presence of other members of the community, performed the religious ceremonies over the honoured dead to whom Hongkong owes not a little for the energy, fortitude courage and initiative they displayed during the early days of the Colony.

Nearly two centuries have passed since the first Parsees established themselves in China for the purpose of trade. Hirjee Jivanjee Ready money and his companion, Rustom Dadabhoi Nader-shaw, were among the pioneers who paved the way for future adventures. They first landed in Canton in the year 1756, since when the community has, with the acumen and vigour we see in their countrymen of to-day, been prominently connected with commercial enterprises in the East. They distinguished themselves as eminent and respectable foreign merchants in Wampoa—the then busy port of Canton—and also in the old Portuguese settlement of Macao. Age-worn landmarks are still standing in both these places to show the centres from which those great traders directed their operations.

Shipping Enterprise.

During the early part of the nineteenth century, the flourishing trade between India and China was carried on almost entirely by the Parsees in their own ships. The sailing ships Royal Chertel and Hornby, owned by Hirjee Jivanjee Ready money, were among the first to blaze the trail for many others to come. During the early days of the British occupation of Hongkong, the Parsees had several vessels plying on the Eastern run and they also had the privilege of carrying the Royal Mail.

The Ariel, a merchant hulk was the property of Parsee merchants and was used for the purpose of trade long before the British took Hongkong.

History records that during the very first year of the occupation of Hongkong by the British, at least four Parsee gentlemen, namely: Heorjibhoi Rustomjee, Pestonjee Cawasjee, Framjee Jamshedjee, and D. Rustomjee, proved the courage of their convictions in the future prosperity and development of the Colony by taking over some of the forty sites offered by the Government.

Faith in Hongkong.

A pirate rendezvous and a barren island, as Hongkong then was, with nothing to show that it might, with the lapse of years, become a mighty port and a show-place for travellers from all over the civilized world, it required foresight of an unusual character to induce anyone to invest his savings and put behind it years of devotion necessary towards a problematic success.

One of the founders of the firm of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., was the famous millionaire Parsee merchant, Sir Jamshedjee Jeejeebhoy, who was a partner of the then Mr. Jardine. The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation had no less than four Parsee gentlemen on the Board of Directors after the formation of the Bank.

The first "Star" Ferry service between Hongkong and Kowloon, which later developed into the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., was commenced by Dorabji Nowroji, a Parsee, and the same gentleman was for many years responsible for supplies to His Majesty's naval forces, being the first foreign contractor.

The magnificent gifts of the late Sir Hormusjee Nowrojee Mody are well known. It was through him that the University of Hongkong saw its beginning and the fine building of the Seamen's Institute also owes its existence to him.

Local charities have also benefited largely by generosity of the Parsees. Large sums are still contributed yearly from their charitable funds to various deserving institutions in Hongkong and China without distinction of race, cast or creed.

Loyal Subjects.

In India, the Parsees have distinguished themselves as most loyal and peaceful citizens of His Majesty's subjects. They have won the affection, admiration and confidence of the British Government as well as of all Indian races

MARSHAL FENG'S
SUCCESSOR.

PROPOSAL MADE TO THE
GOVERNMENT.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, after tendering his resignation to the Central Government, has telegraphed to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek recommending General Lu Chung-lin to succeed him, with General Liu Chi as Vice-Minister of War. It is understood that both these Generals are personal delegates of Marshal Feng at Nanking.

It is reported from Peking that General Pei Shung-hsi is staying at the Legation Quarter and has telegraphed to the Central Government signifying that he will not be present at the Third Congress and also resigning his post as Director-General of the 4th Disbandment Bureau at Peking.—Nam Chung Pao.

BANVARD COMPANY
RETURNING.

SHORT SEASON AT STAR
THEATRE.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company is to pay a short return visit to the Colony, opening at the Star Theatre on Saturday, 30th instant, at 9.15 p.m.

The opening performance will be the big English and American success, "Lido Lady," which will be seen for the first time here and will be repeated on the Sunday. Miss Cherry Wilmont, the little Hongkong lady, has a big part in this play, her character being a cinema star.

Bookings open at Moutrie's on Friday.

by their enterprising, genial and generous nature.

The British Government has given many "Jagirs" or perpetual free-land to the Parsees in grateful appreciation of their meritorious services. Although a small community when compared with the huge population of India, the Parsees are held in great esteem commercially and socially for the active part they have played in its welfare, and India owes a deep debt of gratitude to this enterprising community for its

H.M.S. LONDON.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE
GUILDHALL.

London, Mar. 18.

Over 200 officers and men of the new cruiser, H.M.S. London, were entertained to lunch by the City of London Corporation at the Guildhall to-day.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Kynaston Studd, presented to the ship's company three pieces of silver plate. "We in the City of London are proud to have a man-of-war bearing our name," he said.

Sir Charles Wakefield made a further presentation of a silk white ensign as a gift from one of London's citizens.

Captain Rogers, returning thanks, said:—"This is the eighth warship named London. She is a new ship and her name has to be made. London's traditions are loyalty, efficiency, fair dealing, and hospitality, and those traditions we will carry with us always."

Early in the morning the Premier motored to Gravesend where the cruiser lies, and breakfasted with the officers of the ship.—British Wireless.

SWATOW BOYCOTT
COMMITTEE.

SAID TO HAVE BECOME VERY
SLACK.

Swatow, Mar. 14.

Yet another reconstruction of the Boycott Committee is announced. The People's Instruction Committee of the Kuomintang has called a general meeting to elect a new committee, on the ground that the present Committee has grown slack.

Stocks of confiscated goods are described as having accumulated in mountainous heaps, owing to the failure of the present officials of the Committee to examine and auction them.—Our Own Correspondent.

present commercial and industrial prosperity. They have, also, by their munificent charities, established many benevolent institutions in various parts of the great country for the general welfare of all races.—Contributed.

MEN AFRAID OF VIVID
COLOURS.

WONT WALK WITH A GIRL
IN RED.

Colour-blindness, total or partial, is a serious handicap to a large number of men, but women are much more fortunate.

It was stated before the Transport Commission by Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, vice-president of the Royal Automobile Club, that 25 per cent. of men are colour-blind, but no women.

But a Harley-street woman ophthalmic surgeon said in an interview, that only 5 per cent. of men are colour-blind.

She said that red and green are two colours that men often cannot distinguish between, and this fact has prevented many from entering the Navy and the railway service.

"The fact that more men are colour-blind than women is probably because woman is the more perfect animal," she said. "More boys are born with defects than girls."

"Colour-blindness is generally hereditary, but it may develop through the excessive use of tobacco," said another ophthalmic surgeon. "It is also quite incurable."

"Many persons are colour-blind for years without being aware of it. People who are colour-blind generally have perfect sight in every other respect."

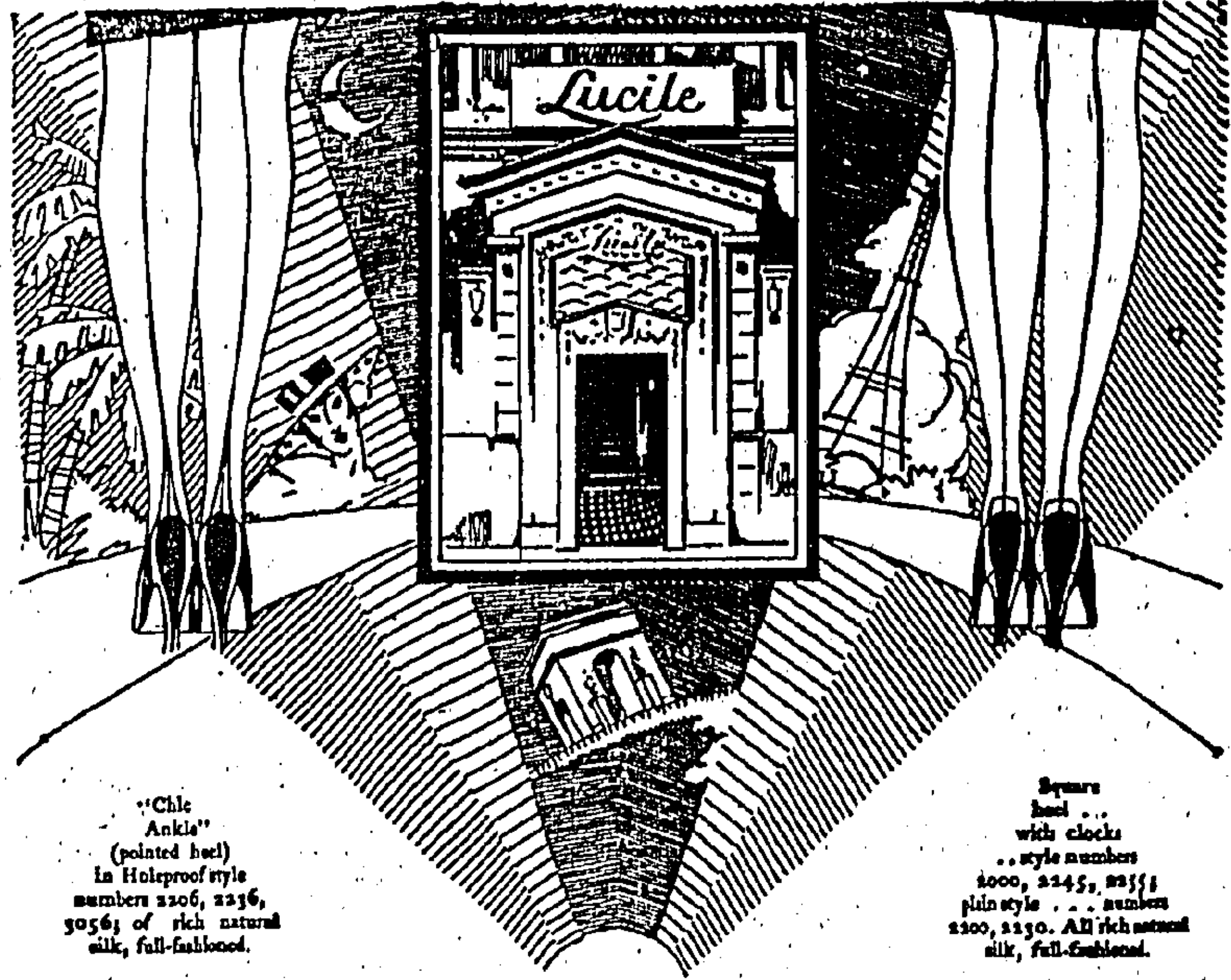
A salesman in a West-end store thought that colour-blindness among men might have something to do with their choice of dark clothes.

"Most men have a horror of bright colours," he said. "That is why nine men out of ten prefer to choose their ties."

"Nothing would induce them to wear some of the gaily coloured ties and scarves that their girl friends give them for Christmas."

"Bright colours seem to hurt some men; they hate to be seen with a woman in scarlet or green."

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COUNTERFEIT COINS.

TWO MEN SENTENCED AT THE SESSIONS.

An allegation that he was forced to confess through fear of a fellow prisoner was made at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Police Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) when the trial was commenced of two men, as a sequel to the discovery of implements for counterfeiting five and ten cent pieces at a Shamshulpo house. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown, and the prisoners were not represented.

The men were Lim Kwong and Kwan Ping, who were charged with having in their possession or custody, without lawful authority or excuse, two moulds for impressing current five and ten cent pieces. There were further counts against both men of being in possession of such counterfeit coins.

In continuing the case for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that the moulds were found at No. 79, Yu Chow Street, first floor, as also were various other implements, including a charcoal stove, ladles, molten metal and coins. Information was received by the police as a result of which they raided the premises on January 20. As they entered, the second prisoner rushed out but was arrested afterwards. The first prisoner was seen to throw something, which later turned out to be a mould, out of the window, and he also was arrested.

Evidence was given by Crown witnesses, as regards the raid, the articles found, and the finding of counterfeit coins on the two prisoners. Mr. V. C. Branson, acting Government Analyst, spoke as to the uses to which the implements could be put and to the fact that the coins seized were counterfeit.

When asked if he had anything to say in his defence, the first prisoner replied in the negative, adding "It has nothing to do with me."

"Something to Do."

The second prisoner elected to make a statement. He said that he did not live at the address which was raided but had, for nearly 20 years, lived at No. 6, Sai Woo Street, first floor. Accidentally he met an old friend who recommended him to go to Lim Kwong's place, saying, "You are an old man now and have nothing to do, as you might help Lim Kwong a little. It is better for you to earn two meals than to do nothing."

Continuing, prisoner said that on January 28, the work was begun, work of melting down silver. He had just finished washing up the bowls and dishes after a meal and as there was no more work he entered a cubicle to get some clothes to go out in. As he entered he met the police. It was not true that he ran away.

He was arrested and taken to Shamshulpo Police Station, where he saw Lim Kwong. Lim Kwong said to him, "You are an old man now and you must confess everything. Will you take over the responsibility?" Prisoner replied that he could not do it, whereupon Lim Kwong said, "You confess and I will give some money to your family to support them." Prisoner again said he could not do it, so Lim Kwong said, "You must confess otherwise I will strike you." Prisoner added, "I was compelled to make a confession because I was afraid he would strike me."

In summing up, his Lordship reviewed the main facts of the case and said it was only reasonable to suppose that some mould had been used on the premises. It was quite possible from the evidence to infer that the moulds were in the joint possession of the prisoners. It was quite clear from the evidence and from the statement of the second prisoner that the two men were in co-operation, and there was no real reason for sub-dividing the coins that were found on the men.

Without retiring, the jury returned verdicts of guilty against both men on all counts.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Fitzroy said that nothing was known against them.

His Lordship sentenced each prisoner to undergo three years' imprisonment with hard labour, on each count, the sentence to run concurrently.

His Lordship then informed the jury who had heard the case that they need not attend again unless specially notified.

ARMS SEIZURES.

GERMAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS.

A huge seizure of arms and ammunition made on board the s.s. Saarbrücken on Sunday was mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Frederick Thun (53), a German, late store-keeper of the ship, was charged with possession of ten revolvers, twenty magazines and 1,000 rounds of ammunition for same.

The defendant, through the interpretation of Mr. T. M. Rohn, said that he did not have the weapons on board for sale. They had been taken over from another man in Antwerp. The defendant further said that when asked if he had any pistols, he produced the parcel to the Police.

Inspector Ogg said that the Police had information that there were arms in the defendant's cabin and acting on the strength of this, a raid was made. Under a quilt on the bed, the Police found a parcel containing the arms and ammunition. It appeared as if the parcel was ready to be taken ashore; in fact the information which the Police received was that the defendant was awaiting a customer.

The defendant was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Woman Sentenced.

What is believed to have been the headquarters of gangs of armed robbers operating in the Colony has been disorganised by the Police, who last week seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition which formed the subject of a charge of unlawful possession against the mistress of a sampan before Mr. Whyte Smith and Major Willson.

The defendant was charged with having in her possession on board her boat in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, seven revolvers, four daggers and 84 rounds of ammunition. Among the arms were three electric torches. Each of the revolvers was contained in a holster.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Detective Inspector Fallon told the Court that at 7 p.m. on March 8, with a party of detectives, he went to the end of Pitt Street where he found a boat on which were the defendant and two children. The former was asked if there were any arms on board but she made no reply. Nor did she answer a question regarding the licence of the boat.

Detective Sergeant Mottram was detailed to search the boat and in the living quarters he found a parcel containing four revolvers, which were loaded in five chambers. In a further search, two other parcels were found, one containing three more loaded revolvers and the other the four daggers.

Robbers' Headquarters.

Mr. Whyte Smith asked what the idea was having the revolvers loaded and was informed that it was believed by the Police that the boat was used as a sort of headquarters for armed robbers, where weapons would be hired for the perpetration of crimes of violence. Gangs working in threes and fours could easily go to the boat and take the necessary arms.

The Police believed, continued Detective Inspector Fallon, that both the dagger robbers and the revolver gangs were now fairly well broken up. Since the seizure there had not been any robberies. The defendant's husband was being hunted by the police who believed him to be a member of a gang. All the weapons were in perfect condition.

Mr. Whyte Smith: Why do you suppose the revolvers were loaded?

Inspector Fallon: For robberies, your Worship.

At a moment's notice?—Yes, your Worship. As a matter of fact we had information that they were collecting together for a big robbery.

The defendant, after making an unintelligible reference to oranges and arms, said that the contraband had been left on board by someone else.

His Worship, in passing sentence of three years' hard labour, said that this case did not seem to be an ordinary one at all. As far as the Court could see, everything pointed to the weapons being wanted for armed robberies. It was not a case like the last one. It was in a different category. He should say that the revolvers in the present case were wanted simply for armed robberies and nothing else. The sentence of the Court was three years' with hard labour.

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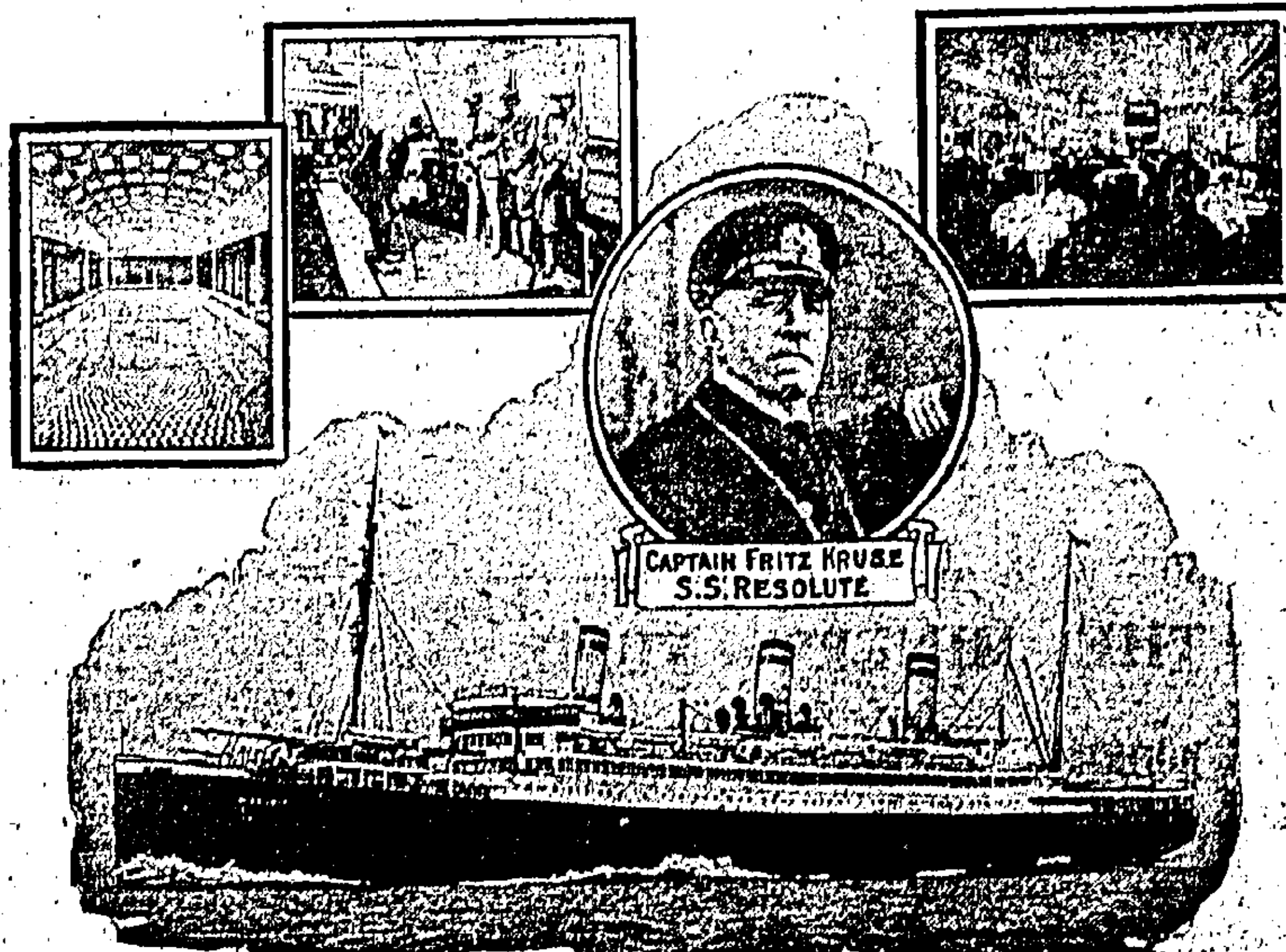
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MOLASSES TRADE.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT
ON PENINSULA.

An important step forward in the commercial development of the Peninsula was made during the week-end when a steamer from Sourabaya went alongside the new premises of the Pure Cane Molasses Co., Ltd., situated on the foreshore just before Castle Peak is reached, and started to unload a cargo of over 7,000 tons of molasses.

Some time ago, the company decided to extend its activities in China and started on the erection of a huge tank, with a diameter of one hundred feet and a height of 45 feet. This is capable of holding 15,000 tons of molasses, or 2,200,000 imperial gallons. The tank is now ready to receive the first shipment and during the week-end the s.s. Atholmere, one of the company's tankers, arrived in command of Captain F. E. C. Heslop. This marks the vessel's first visit to the port and she is probably the first big steamer to unload a cargo at this part of the coast of the Peninsula.

She is a vessel of 5,656 tons gross and on her first trip to Hongkong carried a cargo of 7,425 tons. She is now discharging this by means of a pipe line which has been carried along piles from the company's shore premises and extends some several hundred feet to the far end of the pier. The vessel lies alongside, being securely berthed by means of dolphins, and it is expected that the present cargo will be pumped into the receiving tank in about two days.

Distillery to be Erected.

Deliveries will be made from the tank to buyers of molasses, mostly Chinese, who use the product in various Chinese manufactures including samshui and various kinds of sauce. The present demand for molasses in South China runs between 25,000 and 30,000 tons a year and the existing trade has encouraged the company to develop its own premises in Hongkong, provide extensive storage facilities and means for berthing large steamers at this part of the New Territory coast line.

The s.s. Atholmere, which is registered at Liverpool, made the trip from Sourabaya in ten days, a strong monsoon being encountered. She is one of a fleet of tankers operated by the company which is associated with the United Molasses Company, London, and after discharging her cargo will return to Sourabaya, and later make trips to Calcutta, Manila and Hongkong again.

Reclamation is now in progress at the Pure Cane Molasses Company's premises near Castle Peak and it is understood that when this is completed other interests contemplate the erection of a distillery.

R. A. F. MISHAP.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED WHEN
PLANE CRASHES.

Cape Town, Mar. 18. One airman was killed and another seriously hurt in a crash near Gwelo of a Fairey Napier R. A. F. aeroplane, one of four engaged in the regular annual return flight from the Cape to Cairo.

The machines left Cairo on February 12, arrived at Cape Town on March 7, and left Cape Town on March 11.

Flying Officer Y. W. Burnett, injured in the crash at Gwelo, has died. The other victim, Sergeant Turner, was killed instantly.—*Reuter.*

American Disaster.

New York, Nov. 18. The Newark Meadows crash has caused the highest death toll ever recorded in a single air accident in the United States.

Most of the victims were sight-seers having their first flight. The pilot says the machine only rose a hundred feet when the engine failed, and they crashed into a stationary goods-train.

He and a companion seated beside him, escaped because the cockpit was slightly higher than the passenger cabin. He and his companion were catapulted through the roof over the train.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JUVENILE COURTS.

NEW ORGANISATION
PLANNED FOR CHINA.

Nanking, Mar. 18. Juvenile courts for the trial of minor delinquents will be established all over the country in the near future, according to an order by Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the President of the Judicial Yuan.

Regulations governing the organisation of these juvenile courts will be drafted and submitted to the State Council for approval.—*Reuter.*

COMPANY REPORTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO. TO PAY
EIGHTY CENTS PER SHARE.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., report that subject to audit, the profit for the twelve months ended 31st October, 1928, amounts to \$142,110 which together with the carry forward of \$66,117.17 from the previous year, leaves \$208,227.17 available for appropriation.

The Directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:
To pay a dividend of .80 Cents per share which will absorb \$96,000.00
Place to Reserve Fund 60,000.00
Write off Building Improvement 182.50
and carry forward to next account \$2,044.67
\$208,227.17

The Dock Company.

The report of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. for the year ending December 31, to be submitted to the annual meeting of shareholders on March 27, states: The Directors beg to submit their report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

As shown by the Profit and Loss Account, the gross profit on working for the year ending 31st December, 1928, is \$377,182.45

After deducting Interest, Rates, Crown Rent, Insurance, Directors' Fees and Auditors' Fees and allowing the sum of \$302,288.38 for depreciation on buildings and plant, the net loss for the year 1928 is \$436,214.24

The amount brought forward from last year was \$202,051.10
Add Transfer from Reserve 351,544.44
556,595.54

Deducting loss as above 436,214.24
leaves to be carried forward to next year \$121,381.30

Directors.

Your Directors regret to record the death of Mr. H. P. White on the 28th February, 1929.

In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Mr. W. H. Bell, retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. T. G. Weall retired from the Board on leaving the Colony, and Messrs. B. D. F. Beith, J. P. Warren and A. H. White were invited to join the Board to fill the vacancies. These appointments require confirmation at this Meeting.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith has been appointed Chairman for the year 1929.

Auditors.

The Accounts have been Audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who retire and offer themselves for re-appointment.

HELENA MAY.

PROGRAMME FOR THE
FINAL CONCERT.

The following is the programme for the final concert to be held at the Helena May Institute on Friday:

1. Double Concerts for two Violins and Orchestra. (Arranged for Piano: J. S. Bach). Violins: Capt. Macneil and Miss Acheson. Piano: Madame Bonenfant.
2. Songs.—Negro Spirituals.
(a) To-morrow you die. Fletcher Arms.
(b) Go tell it on the Mountains. Harvey Gual.
Mrs. Sanger.
3. Violin Concert in A Minor. Vivaldi.
Violin: Mrs. Aubrey.
Piano: Mrs. Cashman.
4. Songs (Italian).
Lolla. Busi Poccia.
Il Pescatore. Canto. Tosti.
Mr. Li Chor-chi.
5. Piano.
Two Movements of the Waldstein Sonata. Beethoven.
Introduction. Adagio Molto. (Leading to the)
Rondo. Allegretto. Moderato.
Mrs. Cashman.
Accompanists: Miss Braga and Professor Gualdi.

London, Mar. 18.

General Sir Henry McKinnon, who commands the famous City Imperial Volunteers in South Africa, was in London last night. His age is 76.—*British Wireless.*

DISARMAMENT.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD
IN APRIL.

Nanking, Mar. 18.

Chiang Tse-ling, the Minister to Berlin, has been appointed to represent China at the Disarmament Conference, scheduled to take place in Geneva in April; while Liang Lung, the Counsellor at the Legation in Berlin, will represent China at the conference on counterfeit coins and notes, also scheduled for April.—*Reuter.*

The Draft Convention.

Disarmament, or rather the reduction of armaments, is one of the most difficult and at the same time one of the most important of the tasks entrusted to the League of Nations. According to the terms of the Covenant, the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations, taking account at the same time of the geographical situation and the circumstances of each State. The question of security, therefore, has been closely allied with the problem of disarmament in the League's study of the general problem.

The specific disarmament side of it has been entrusted to what is known as the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, which was created in 1926 and comprises representatives not only of all States Members of the Council, but also of countries in a special position.

Non-Members.

For this reason it includes three great States which are not Members of the League, namely, the United States of America, Russia and Turkey. The presence of five South American States (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba and Venezuela) and of four Asiatic countries (China, Japan, Persia and Turkey) gives the Commission a universal character.

The Commission reached the decisive phase of its work in 1927; that is to say, the preparation of a draft Convention for the reduction of armaments for submission to an international Conference. This draft Convention leaves a number of points undecided, and the Commission has not succeeded in completing its task, points of difference between a number of Powers directly interested having remained undetermined.

The next session is to take place in Geneva on April 15, 1929,

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME
FOR TO-DAY.

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7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report. 8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Victor and H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.).
"Flying Dutchman" (Wagner)
Overture, New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Sometime"
"Dreamin' Time"
Soprano, Amelia Galli-Curci.
"My Inspiration is You" (Nichols)
"Just a Little Fond Affection"

Organ Solo, Reginald Foot.
"Apache Dance" (Offenbach)
"The Swallow" (Serradell)
Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Lock Lemon" (Old Scotch Air)
"Scotch Memories"
Comedian, Sir Harry Lauder.
"Me and My Shadow"

"Charmaine"
Victor Salon Orchestra.

"I've Always Wanted to Call You My Sweetheart"

"If I Didn't Miss You"
Gracie Fields.

"Shadow Song" (Meyerbeer)
Soprano, Amelia Galli-Curci.

"In a Little Spanish Town"
Waltz (Wayne)
Partillos Mandolin Orchestra.

"Farwell" (from "Bohème")
"Ever Since the Day"
(from "Louise")

"Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" (Grieg)
Morning.
The Death of Ase.

Anitra's Dance.
In the Hall of the Mountain King.
Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Song of the Viking Guest"
(from "Sakko")
"Prince Igor—How Goes it Prince?"

Bass, Feodor Chaliapin.
"Parted" (Tosti)
"Cavatina" (Raff)

De Groot (Violin) and
Terence Casey (Organ).
"The Tales of the Tilkies" (Henry)

"General Post" (Henry)
Talking, Leonard Henry.
"Air on G String" (Bach)

"Londonderry Air"
H.M.V. New Symphony Orchestra.
"Evening Star" (Wagner).

"Two Grenadiers"
Baritone, Renaud Werrenath.
"Jennine I Dream of Lilac Time"

"Laughing Marquette"
De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Carcelera" (Prison Song)

"Serenade"
Soprano, Amelia Galli-Curci.
10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Ballet Egyptian Suite" (Luigini)
Allegro non troppo.
Allegretto.

Victor Concert Orchestra.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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SHANGHAI SUICIDE.

DEATH WHILE OF UNSOUND MIND.

The inquest on George Matheson Kay, found dead in his bedroom at No. 11 Park Road, Shanghai, shortly after noon on March 8, was concluded last week in H. M. Police Court by the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Martin sitting as Coroner. A verdict that the deceased had died as a result of swallowing potassium cyanide while of unsound mind was returned.

Dr. T. M. Burton told how he had been called to the deceased's bedroom about 12.45 p.m. on the day in question. He found him lying peacefully in his bed, with no signs of struggle or violence. Mr. Kay had then been dead about an hour, the body being still slightly warm. He performed an autopsy later in the day and finding suspicious of poison, sent some of the entrails to the Municipal Laboratory for analysis. The conditions of death were consistent with death by poison.

House-Boy's Evidence.

The room-boy, Wu Ching-tai, described calling Mr. Kay at 7.50 that morning and giving him a cup of coffee. Mr. Kay had then asked to see the commode and on learning that he had not come, had expressed a wish to see him after noon. The boy had gone to his room again at 12.10 p.m. to ask him if he wanted any tiffin, and finding him lying on his bed looking very pale and as if he were dead, had called Miss Head, the proprietress of the boarding house. Miss Head had sent for the police.

Miss Lizzie Jane Head, proprietress of No. 11 Park Road, said that she had last seen Mr. Kay alive the previous Sunday as he was passing downstairs. She had been called up to his room at about 12.10 p.m. on March 8, and saw at once that he was dead. She locked

the door of the room and telephoned to Sinza Station. A detective came and inspected the body, and later Det. Sub-Insp. Henry examined the room. The door was locked until the police came. The deceased had owed several hundred dollars. Up to the last four months he had always paid his debts. He had lived in her house for two years and ten months. She had no suspicions that he contemplated suicide and his death came as a great surprise.

Det. Sub-Insp. Charles Henry attached to Sinza Police Station, recalled, described searching Mr. Kay's bedroom. He had found a glass containing liquid on a small table beside the bed, and a cup with some coffee in it. In a drawer of the writing desk he had found a small brown bottle with some white powder in it. He had sent the contents of the glass, the coffee cup, and the small bottle away for analysis. Specimens of the two liquids, and the bottle were produced in court.

The Analyst's Report.

Frederick George Cannon Walker, chief analyst of the S. M. Health Department, gave the result of his examination of the contents of the glass, cup, and bottle. The liquid in the glass he found to be a strong solution of potassium cyanide, containing roughly three-quarters of an ounce of cyanide. Anything over five or six grains would probably be fatal, he said, and added that there were 437 grains in an ounce. The brown bottle contained about five grains of potassium cyanide, but he found no traces of cyanide in the coffee.

On March 6 he had received from Dr. Burton specimens from the autopsy on Mr. Kay. The stomach had a strong odour of potassium cyanide and the remaining quantity of the poison was then about five or six grains. Considerably more must have been taken in the first place. The stomach wall suggested a strong solution of cyanide.

The coroner then returned his verdict as above.

GOING ON LEAVE.

MR. M. A. KHAN GUEST OF HONOUR.

Mr. M. A. Khan was the guest of honour at a tea-party given at Lane, Crawford's restaurant yesterday afternoon by the members of the Indian Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, of which he is an officer, on the occasion of his going on leave. He will be away for five months, and will sail for India by the a.s. Talma, which is due to leave on March 22.

Among those present were Drs. H. el Arculli and D. K. Samy, Messrs. A. el Arculli, Bishen Singh, A. H. Rumi, and almost every member of the Division.

Mr. A. el Arculli, the Superintendent of the Division, in a witty speech dwelt on the services rendered to the Brigade, and the Indian Division in particular, by Mr. Khan for the last three or four years. He assured Mr. Khan that his services were very much appreciated, and on behalf of the Division he wished him bon voyage and a speedy return.

Mr. Khan in reply thanked Mr. el Arculli for what the latter had said about him. What little he had done for the Division, he did to the best of his ability and he was glad that his services were appreciated. He thanked all the members for their co-operation during the last four years, and looked to the continued success of the Indian Division.

A speech was also made by Dr. H. el Arculli, who has recently joined the Brigade as Divisional Surgeon. He expressed a hope that the Division would be as successful under his tuition as it had been under Dr. Samy, and thanked the members for inviting him to the very enjoyable function.

Mr. Bishen Singh, Dr. Samy and Mr. A. H. Rumi also spoke in eulogy of Mr. Khan, whom they had known for a good number of years.

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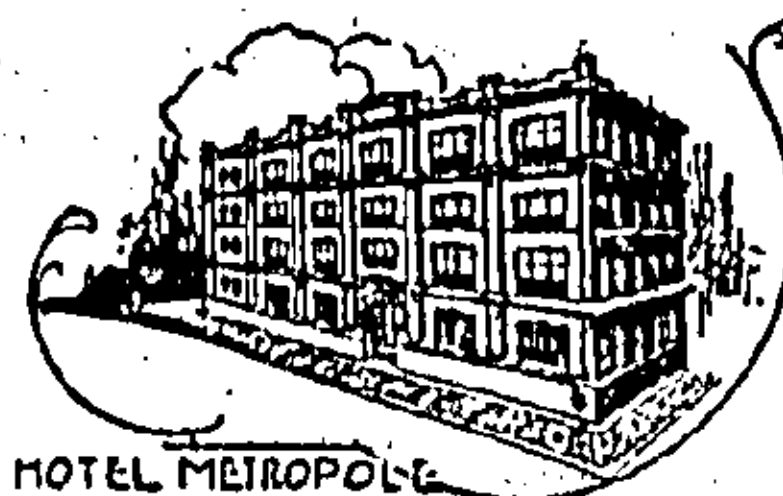
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BUT RISE IN NUMBER OF DEATHS.

The small-pox epidemic appears to be declining, the return for the past week showing only 26 cases, which is the lowest number since the week ending November 24th last. Of these, 12 were from

Hongkong, eight from Kowloon, five from Shaukiwan and one from Aberdeen. The sufferers were all Chinese, excepting one British.

However, the number of deaths last week, 51, is in excess of the totals for the two previous weeks. Yesterday, there were 11 further cases notified; all Chinese, of which eight were from Victoria and the others from Kowloon.

The total number of cases up to Saturday since the outbreak first occurred was 1,111, whilst the deaths numbered 769.

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PRINCE GEORGE IN NEW ROLE.

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RETIRING FROM NAVY.

London, Mar. 18.
It is officially announced that His Majesty the King, acting on the advice of a medical authority, has given his approval to the retirement of Prince George from further active participations in the work of the Royal Navy.

His Majesty has decided, with the concurrence of the Prime Minister that His Royal Highness shall be attached to the Foreign Office in order to gain knowledge of the administration and the work of a department of State.

An official announcement will be made as soon as the date has been fixed for Prince George to join the staff of the Foreign Office. His duties will, it is understood, be concerned with the Western Department, which deals with the western countries of Europe.

A statement issued says that the purpose of Prince George's entry into the Civil Service is that he may obtain a firsthand knowledge of the conduct of foreign affairs. The decision was forecast a day or two ago.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

COPPER PRICES RISE IN LONDON.

HIGHEST POINTS FOR PAST NINE YEARS.

London, Mar. 18.
A feature of the metal market to-day was a further rise in the price of copper to £97 11s. 3d. per ton. This is a rise of £7 3s. 9d. on the day and compares with £75 at the beginning of the year. It is the highest price since 1920. At one time in 1927, the price was down to £52. The continued increase of the price of copper since the beginning of the year has been based on the steady development of trade demand, especially in America and on the Continent.

The movement has spread also to lead and spelter. Foreign lead jumped to £5 13s. per ton, which is the highest price since 1926. Spelter rose by £2 2s. 6d. to £10 per ton, which is the best since 1927.—*British Wireless.*

London, Mar. 19.
Simultaneously with feverish activity on the London Metal Exchange, it is stated that half the stocks of copper in Britain have changed hands, the prices being the highest for nine years. Electrolytic jumped £3 to £39 while standard realised £95 13s. 9d.—*Reuter.*

Turmoil in America.

New York, Mar. 18.
The copper market here has been cast into a state of turmoil, due to heavy demands and scanty stocks. Sales are reported at 22 cents, which is one cent over Saturday's closing price, but most of the producers have refused to quote, feeling that consumption will eventually suffer if prices are allowed to go higher.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE WORLD COURT PROTOCOL.

WAY OPEN FOR ADHERENCE OF UNITED STATES.

Geneva, Mar. 18.
The Committee of Jurists which has been considering the Protocol of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague, with a view to revision, to-day unanimously approved the proposed changes.

They were drafted with the object of obtaining the adherence of the United States to the World Court, and it is felt that the objections of the United States previously expressed will now be withdrawn.—*Reuter.*

THIS WEEK'S ROYAL WEDDING.

BRIDAL COUPLE GIVEN SEND-OFF.

Stockholm, Mar. 18.
Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Princess Martha of Sweden, who are to be married on Thursday, have left for Oslo for the wedding.

They were given a tremendous ovation by the crowds lining the streets to see them off.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI COURT "SCENE."

CHINESE LAWYER HAS TO APOLOGISE.

SUSPENSION FROM PRACTICE AGAIN ENFORCED.

SHARP PASSAGES.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.
Mr. Tsu Zu-ching, the legal practitioner, who, on February 28, was suspended by Mr. J. Van den Berg, the Dutch Vice-Consul and Senior Consul's Deputy, for "gross misconduct, insulting behaviour and disobedience to the Court," for a period of three months or until such a time as he should apologise to the Court, was reinstated for several hours yesterday by Mr. Van den Berg, but was again provisionally suspended in the afternoon.

When the case in which Mr. Tsu Zu-ching was involved came up, Mr. Van den Berg asked whether Mr. Tsu was present.

After making inquiries, Court Insp. Eva stated that Mr. Tsu was present and he brought Mr. Tsu into the Court-room.

Reason for Suspension.

The Judge to Mr. Tsu:—The reason for your suspension was on account of your conduct in Court on the morning of February 23, 1929. The case which you were talking about had nothing whatever to do with this case. I warned you repeatedly to sit down, but you took no notice. I have, therefore, ordered you here to-day to give an explanation regarding your conduct. Why did you not obey the Court's orders?

Mr. Tsu Zu-ching:—I was not disobeying the Court's orders. I was only outlining the case when the Deputy, Mr. Van den Berg, intervened in the matter and thought that I was interfering with the police case that was before the Court at the time.

Mr. Van den Berg:—I understood quite well what you were talking about.

Mr. Tsu to Mr. Van den Berg:—I was only following the procedure of the old Mixed Court where a lawyer can voice his opinions in certain cases.

Old Court Finished With.

The Judge:—The old Mixed Court procedure is finished, with. When you have an order from the Judge to stop intervening, by talking as you did, you must stop.

Mr. Tsu:—There have been dozens of these cases lately.

Mr. Van den Berg:—Do you admit that you went on talking when you were told to stop?

Mr. Tsu:—I did not positively stop. I admit that the Judge did order me to sit down and stop talking.

Mr. Van den Berg:—Everything the Judge says is positive.

The Judge:—At any rate, you are to blame. It is now for you to apologise to the Court for your conduct on that day, February 23.

(During the course of this conversation, Mr. Tsu Zu-ching remained seated whilst addressing the Court.)

Mr. Tsu to the Judge:—I apologise to the Court. That includes everyone.

Inadequate Apology.

Mr. Van den Berg:—I do not accept the apology when it is made in such a manner. You must apologise to the Judge and to me personally.

Mr. Tsu:—I apologise to the Court.

Mr. Van den Berg:—I ask for an apology to the Judge and to me personally for your disobedience to the Court. Meanwhile, why do you not stand up when the Court is addressing you? You are showing your disrespect to the Court even now.

The Judge:—You must stand up when the Bench is talking to you.

Mr. Tsu:—I was ordered to sit down and stop talking. I did not do so, so I was blamed. Now I am blamed for not standing up.

Judge Kuhl:—The Senior Consul's Deputy, Mr. Van den Berg, has been requested to cancel his order for your suspension. In future, no Deputy may suspend any lawyer without the consent of the Judge. I now ask for an apology because you were to blame.

More Mumbling.

Mr. Tsu then began to mumble, whereupon Mr. Van den Berg objected to his actions and said that he had been given an order and refused to obey; he always had something to say when the Judge was talking to him.

Mr. Tsu to Mr. Van den Berg:—According to the rules and regulations of this Court, the Deputy has not the power to suspend any lawyer.

Mr. Van den Berg:—You are still sitting down whilst being addressed by the Court. Still you do not understand discipline. I am entitled to the same respect as

SPAIN'S DICTATOR ANGRY.

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ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES

Madrid, Mar. 18.
Writing in *El Noticiero*, General Primo de Rivera angrily protests against the "absurdly" incorrect reports of the recent disturbances in Madrid published abroad, particularly with regard to the allegation that the regiments of the Royal Guard have declared themselves Republican.

He says that as the result of such false news many foreign tourists are abandoning plans to visit Spain, and he intimates that he has taken steps with a view to the institution of civil actions for damages in the countries "in which these lies have been published."—*Reuter.*

Apprehension Now Felt.

Paris, Mar. 18.
For the first time since the establishment of the Dictatorship in Spain, apprehension is being felt in regard to the stability of the regime. According to reports reaching Hendaye from Madrid, the police are being held in readiness to prevent further disturbances.

Twenty professors of the University have announced that they will not take responsibility for the consequences of any measures that the government may take in connexion with student riots.

One professor has been arrested and several others will probably be punished. The Cabinet has refused to authorise meetings of professors, including the proposed meeting of the University Council.—*Reuter.*

University Closed.

Madrid, Mar. 18.
The students' outbreaks have brought swift retribution. De Rivera has dismissed the Chancellor and Chapter of the Madrid University, which will be closed for eighteen months.

The University was attended by most of the future civil servants and aspirants to the professions, and the closing is likely to cause a greater reaction than disbandment of the artillery and cadet academy.

The provincial universities have also been penalised.—*Reuter.*

WOMEN AS OPIUM CARRIERS.

FIVE FOUND ON CANTON TRAIN.

Fines of \$2,000 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment in default were imposed on each of five Chinese female passengers who arrived by train from Canton yesterday, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

The defendants were charged with being in possession of various quantities of raw opium, ranging from 70 to 90 taels.

The Judge although my powers are different.

Mr. Tsu:—I apologise to the whole Court.

An Apology At Last.

Mr. Van den Berg:—I refuse to accept such an apology. You have stated that you express regret for what happened on the morning of February 23. If you apologise to me in that manner, then I will cancel your suspension.

Mr. Tsu:—On the morning of February 23, 1929, I was ordered by the Court not to intervene in a case which had nothing to do with me, and to sit down. I refused to obey the request. I now tender my apology to the Judge, the Deputy, and the Court.

Mr. Van den Berg then intimated that the suspension order of February 23rd was withdrawn, but added that with regard to Mr. Tsu's misconduct out of court on the same date the Judge and himself would approach the President of the Court to see that proper steps were taken for his punishment.

"Unprincipled Lawyer."

Later in the day, Mr. Van den Berg stated the result of his interview, which was that the apology could not be accepted as a satisfactory settlement of the dispute, and he had accordingly requested the Prosecuting Department of the Municipal Council to consider the prosecution of Mr. Tsu. He therefore provisionally suspended Mr. Tsu, pending the institution of proceedings for his disbarment. In making this order, Mr. Van den Berg said:—"I feel it incumbent upon me in the interests of justice and decorum to ensure by such means as lie within my power that adequate steps shall be taken to prevent this unprincipled lawyer from again attempting to obstruct and pervert the administration of justice."

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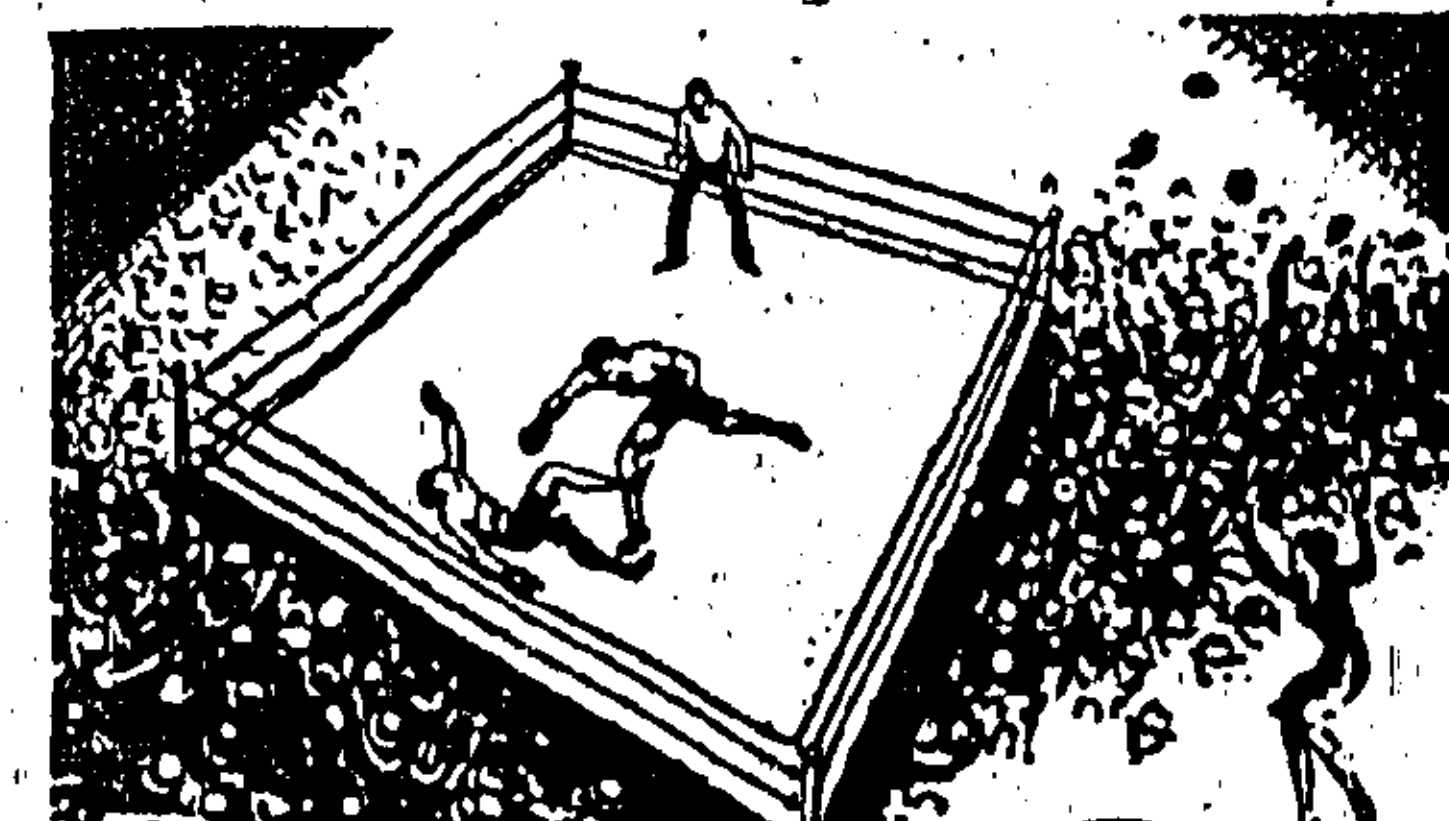
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